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# Strike 3

## PC's Board of Trustees Cuts Men's Tennis, Golf, & Baseball

By KEN MARTIN '99  
SPORTS EDITOR

In an effort to comply with gender equity requirements of Title IX and to ensure equal opportunity for its men's and women's athletic programs, Providence College Tuesday discontinued its varsity baseball, golf, and men's tennis teams subsequent to the end of the 1999 academic year.

Scholarship moneys for the women's volleyball and women's tennis teams will also be reallocated to other women's programs.

The decision to go ahead with this plan was finalized by the College's Board of Trustees late Tuesday afternoon and was supported by the Athletic Advisory Council; however, plans to address the college's gender equity non-compliance began over a year and a half ago, according to the Assistant Vice President for Athletics, John M. Marinatto.

"Over the past 18 months, we vigorously pursued all options available to us," said Marinatto in a letter released to the student body on Wednesday. "We looked at what was realistic given our gender balance and national projections. It became apparent to us that we could not add funding to athletics and that reallocation was our only path. Aside from men's and women's basketball (teams needed to maintain Division I standing), every other sport was reviewed in the process to achieve gender equity."

Student-athletes that will be affected by the decision were informed of the new plan Tuesday evening. Marinatto and various college representatives informed the players during closed team-meetings beginning at 7pm. Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P., President of the College informed coaches of the decision earlier in the day, but he was not present at the players' meetings.

As reported in the *Cowl* last week, Providence had fallen under pressure to comply with Title IX in recent months due to a looming NCAA accreditation audit that will occur in April and May of 1999.

If Providence had not come up with a plan for proportionality and failed to comply with gender equity standards, it may

have resulted in the loss of accreditation by the NCAA and Big East Conference; it may also have effected penalties by the federal government, as Title IX is a manifestation of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

The United States Office of Civil Rights interpreted Title IX as it pertains to intercollegiate athletics in its policy statement of 1979. That statement stipu-

"Some schools can just add new sports teams, and they have the resources to do those things. But at Providence, because of our limited financial resources, we can not establish other teams. In a utopia, we would create more women's sports, but we don't have the resources to do so."

One full time coaching position (baseball) will be eliminated; the three other coaches affected are not full time nor part-time employees. Rather, they receive a compensatory stipend, according to the Athletic Department.

Two full-time assistant coaches will be added for softball and soccer.

Moneys to be reallocated from cut programs will go to benefit women's sports. The likely benefactors will be women's soccer, women's hockey, and field hockey; however, any number of sports can benefit. Specific plans as to which programs will benefit are still being discussed.

The college will honor its financial commitment to all student-athletes affected by the redistribution plan. The plan does not call for discontinuation of any other athletic teams.

"The process has been very painful for everyone involved," Rev. Smith said. "We explored every available option thoroughly in an effort to retain all our varsity sports programs. Unfortunately, that was not possible. We reached that conclusion with deep sadness and regret."

"This decision was not something that was embraced," Marinatto said. "We had the gun put to our head and we had to make a decision on how to achieve equity. Unfortunately, someone has to lose."

One of those persons was junior baseball player Jeremy Sweet.

"I felt betrayed," he said. "I felt like it was all a big smoke screen, all just numbers to (the college). 'They really have no idea what anyone on the teams is going through. I feel like I have been cheated.'"

Richard Dichard, a senior co-captain on the golf team, agrees with Sweet's sentiments. "We thought we did a good

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***-John Marinatto Asst. VP of Athletics***

lates that the percentage of athletes who are women and the money that is allotted to those women athletes must mirror the general student population of an institution.

Providence College, which has a population of 59 percent females and 41 percent males, does not meet Title IX standards. (As of two years ago, the ratio of male athletes to female was 54 percent to 46 percent.). This is what ignited the effort by the college to pursue the plan that was released Tuesday.

Providence could have dealt with its gender discrepancy in three ways: First, demonstrate a history and continuing practice of program expansion for women; second, fully accommodate the interests and abilities of women; third, provide participation opportunities for

### TITLE IX:

**No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.**

women that are substantially proportionate to their ratio in their full-time undergraduate student body. The College chose the latter; however, because of supposed budget constraints the college could not add new women's teams. Instead they had to completely cut men's programs and redistribute the funds (57 varsity positions are being eliminated from the three teams; all 116 athletic scholarships, though, will continue to be offered).

"There are different ways that different schools use to achieve equity," Marinatto said.

## ~From the President~ An Open Letter On Gender Equity

As you are aware, the College adopted and announced a four year plan to ensure equal opportunity for its men and women student athletes and to achieve voluntary compliance with the gender equity requirements of Title IX. The decision to discontinue baseball, golf, and men's tennis was very difficult, often agonizing but, ultimately, the only responsible course of action.

Simply stated, reallocating current athletic resources was the only viable solution to an intractable problem. All of the other alternative were simply unacceptable.

Generating additional revenues by more than doubling annual tuition increase for years to come would be irresponsible. Efforts to generate new revenues through athletic fundraising have actually been underway for over two years, but endowing athletic scholarship and related expenditures are long-term investments and are not designed to raise immediate funds. It takes over \$600,000 in endowments to raise the interest to pay for one scholarship.

Some would argue that a better solution would be to trim from every other sports program to avoid dropping any one sport. The extent of the required budget cuts would have essentially decimated an even greater number of teams.

And why not trim from other areas of the College? Certainly, the College wants to offer student athletes the opportunity to participate at the highest level of competition, but not at the expense of compromising academic quality, the primary reason students hopefully choose to come to Providence College. This institution will continue to support 19 varsity teams, provide inter-scholastic opportunities for approximately 300 students and support these programs with 116 athletic scholarships. Due to our relative size, the College invest a larger proportionate share of operating budget to athletics than any other Big East Conference school.

Ruling out all of these options brought the College full circle to reallocating current athletic resources. Deciding among many outstanding athletic teams which to drop was particularly painful. Each sports team has contributed in its own way to the rich traditions of Providence College athletics. Each team has had its share of high student achievers, athletically and academically.

I fully recognize that there is no such thing as a popular decision when any interscholastic sport team is discontinued. Each team has its own supporters. In the future, when gender equity is maintained, the overall varsity sports program is strengthened, and participation opportunities in club, intramural and recreation sports are enhanced, perhaps this week's action will be viewed as a difficult decision made for the long term interest of the College and the student body.

**Rev. Philip A. Smith, O.P.**  
**President of the College**

## PC Loses #1 Ranking

By KATE SCHARTNER '01  
NEWS STAFF

Villanova University is better than Providence College...according to the 1998 ranking of northern region liberal arts colleges in the *US World and News Report* magazine. Last year, PC was ranked number one.

This year, out of ninety-eight northern region liberal arts colleges, PC is ranked second. *US News and World Report* ranks colleges across the country based on their academic reputation, retention rate of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving. A "graduate rate performance" is also a consideration in the process of ranking. This is the difference between the proportion of students expected to graduate and the proportion which actually do.

PC is ranked into *US News'*

"Top Northern Liberal Arts Colleges" regional category.

"Regional liberal arts colleges focus primarily on undergraduate education, but tend to be less selective than the national colleges," explained the magazine. "They also offer few, if any,

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In the adult, breast cancer knows no age (or gender) limit. Approximately 100,000 new breast cancer cases are diagnosed each year. Even with the discovery of new drugs and other promising methods of identification, early detection remains the best weapon against this disease. The following are the guidelines set by the American Cancer Society for early detection.

Physicians at the Student Health Center recommend BSE starting at age 18. Most breast lumps are found by women themselves. Monthly BSE provides not only possible

**Age 20-39**  
**A breast self examination (BSE) every month**  
*(At the end of the menstrual cycle or if no menses on the same day each month)*  
**A clinical breast examination by a doctor or nurse every 3 years**

**Age 40+**  
**A mammogram every year**  
**An annual clinical breast examination by a doctor or nurse**  
**A breast self examination every month**

detection of a breast lump but also gives a woman knowledge of her breast, and therefore, she can detect any changes oftentimes better than a physician. Contact your doctor or the Student Health Center right away if you find a lump or any other changes in your breast or discharge coming from your nipples. Instruction sheets on BSE are available at the Student Health Center.

**REMINDER:** Student Health Center is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 7:30pm. A doctor is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoon and Wednesday at 9:00am.

## ROTC On The Cape

During the weekend of September 26th, The Patriot Battalion took on Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, during its annual fall field training exercise (FTX). Over sixty cadets from Providence College, Brown University, Bryant College, Johnson & Wales University, Rhode Island College, UMASS at Dartmouth, and the Community College of Rhode Island participated.

The first training event for the Battalion was the Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). The LRC is a series of obstacles that require leadership, critical thinking and teamwork in order to complete.

The Basic Course, consisting of freshman and sophomores, finished the day with an obstacle course, M-16 rifle training in an electronic

simulation center and classes. The Advance Course, which is the Battalion's junior class, did both day and night land navigation in order to prepare for Advance Camp in the summer of 1999. The FTX closed with all cadets learning some basic soldiering skills and completing a simulated assault course.

Once again, the FTX was a success. Both the Basic and the Advance Course worked together and much was gained by all involved. The Patriot Battalion is looking forward to another great training year.

For more information, visit us on the Web at Providence College's homepage at [www.providence.edu](http://www.providence.edu) with a link to Academics and Military Science.

BY CADET KERRI JAMES

## Important Reminder

To all students:

There will be no classes Monday, October 12th as it is Columbus Day

Tuesday will follow a Monday class schedule.

## Career Assistants: Here to Help!

As we settle into the 1998-99 school year, many of us are faced with the dilemma of choosing a major or starting our career paths. If you are feeling confused or anxious as you face these decision, then be sure to access the resources of the Career Services Office.

The Career Services Office, located in Slavin 105 is divided into two service divisions. Under the direction of John McGrath, the Career Service for Seniors provides a variety of workshops, programs, and resources for senior year students. Linda Ernst, Assistant Director and Kelly Kochis, Career Technology Coordinator/Counselor are also available to assist senior year students with their post graduate career planning. The Career Planning & Internship Service provides career planning help for freshmen, sophomore, and junior year students and internship assistance to all interested students. Joining Kathy Clarkin, Director is new staff member, Shari Ziccardi, Assistant Director/College Internship Coordinator.

Each year, the Career Planning & Internship service extends its outreach to the student body through the efforts



1998-99 Career Assistants

of eight student "Career Assistant". This year's energetic group is ready and willing to be a resource to students. Career Assistants from the Class of '99 are Ryan Donaghy (History), Kara McNamara (Math), Jaques Maltais (Marketing), and Kristin Hemmerle (Education). Representing the Class of 2000 are Bob Harschied (Humanities), Melissa LaChance (Social Science), Sal Pappa (Political Science), and Stacy Daher (Management).

As Career Assistants, we trained with Clarkin to present workshops such as "Getting Started In Career Planning", "Summer Job Search Strategies", "Resume Writing" and more. The sessions are intended to equip students with the necessary information to begin the self assessment and research process, and learn how to use valuable office resources,

including the latest in career technology.

In addition to hosting workshops and programs, we are also available for "student help desk" office hours. Feel free to stop by during our Career Assistant Office Hours for a personalized tour of the office and or demonstration of career technology resources. Of course, you are also welcome to use career library and technology resources at any time, see a Career staff member by appointment or during daily walk in hours. Call X1530 for staff walk in hours.

Career Assistants are available in Slavin 105 on: Mon 2:30-3:30; Tues 1:30-3:30; Wed 10:30-11:30 and 1:30-2:30; Thurs 5:30-7:00 and Fri 10:30-11:30

## Library Hours For Columbus Day Weekend

Friday, October 9th  
8:00 am-5:00 pm

Saturday, October 10th  
Sunday, October 11th  
12 noon-5:00 pm

Monday, October 12th  
12 noon-1:00 am

## Intern For The Mayor

1998-99 Internships in the City Hall office of Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr. and other Providence City Departments

Internships applications for Fall 1998 and Spring 1999 are available now in the office of Providence Mayor Vincent A. Cianci Jr. and other providence city Departments.

These internships are ideal for students majoring in Political Science, Urban Studies, Business Administration, Communication, Advertising, Public Relations, Marketing, Journalism, Photography, Hospitality, Computer Science, Accounting, Education, Psychology, social Sciences, Law Enforcement, Engineering, Natural Veterinary Sciences and other related fields.

A commitment of 12 hours per week for a total 125 hours minimum is expected for most internships, whether the student is carrying academic credits or not. Students must provide their own transportation and parking.

Applicants should call

DeWolf Fulton-  
Office of the Mayor-  
City Hall (401) 421-  
7740 ext 222

## TIP FROM SECURITY

~Bicycle Security~

Be sure that you secure your bicycle,  
every day it is used

## From the Office of Student Services:

### Disciplinary Measures

Charge:  
Standards of Conduct established by Providence College  
(Page 37, #8) Guilty\

Sanctions: 1. Disciplinary Probation until January 20, 1999.  
2. \$300 fine for each student cited as a resident of the house.  
Total fine \$1,500.

Charge:  
Open container : Eight Providence College students were charged with Open Container during the month of September, 1998.

Sanctions: Sanctions for OPEN CONTAINER ranged from 1. Disciplinary Probation, and or 2. Fines ranging from \$25.00 tp \$50.00, and/or 10 to 12 hours of Community Service.



# Student Development Restructured

*Clearer Lines of Communication Produce More Efficient Student Services*

BY MEGHAN PERRY '01  
NEWS STAFF

The Student Development Center at Providence College underwent some significant changes over the summer. Internally restructured, with new staffing positions, and administrative changes, this important organization has taken on new roles and been divided into separate entities.

PC's Student Development Center traditionally consisted of three major divisions. The first, the counseling program, focuses on students' personal needs. It has long provided assistance to more than three or four hundred individuals each year. Last year alone, the counseling service saw more than 1800 appointments, making an important impact on the students' lives in troubling, difficult times.

The second major area in Student Development is Career Development. It provides internship information, career planning tips, and aid to seniors seeking networking and job opportunities.

The final element in the organization has always encouraged a developmental approach to the students,

interweaving the role of Student Services. Dr. John Hogan, Director of the Personal Counseling Center states, "There was another whole set of developmental activities. A lot of them were under the leadership of Jacqueline MacKay, Former Dean of Student Development. They included very active involvement in undeclared orientation, and in the training of undeclared advisors. There

headed by three different directors and Dean MacKay. This infrastructure, however, has been replaced by two Assistant Vice Presidents. They are Assistant Vice Presidents of Student Services, a new title that encompasses all student activities and breaks them down into more specialized units.

MacKay, the former Dean of the Center for Student Development, is the first new Assistant VP. Her duties include overseeing residence life issues, the discipline system, publications on student activities and projects, and the orientation program.

Dr. Kirk Brague manages the personal counseling center as the additional Assistant VP. Coming from Clemson University, he is a new member to the administration and a key figure in keeping student affairs intact.

Hogan stresses the importance of this change in the administration of student development. He says, "It is a big thing to have two new Vice Presidents. It represents the complexity of student services. To have two is a compliment—the college is moving in the right direction."

The two positions allow Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., Vice President of Student Services, more free time for

planning and providing an overall direction in the organization.

Fr. McPhail says of this, "There were too many people reporting directly to me. These changes will make it easier for people on every level. It will also free up more time for me to devote to areas that need my direct attention."

The changes in administration not only lessen the work load of the staff, but also break things down into a more simple and appealing manner. The PC Counseling Services, for instance, no longer falls under the Student Development Center because it does not exist anymore.

Career Services, and counseling, once joined under the umbrella of the Student Development Center, are now separate entities.

The changes have met with approval by much of the faculty. Hogan likes the fact his

counseling program is now a separate department, "The Providence College Personal Counseling Center."

Hogan delights in this, saying, "The changes are more efficient for us to be clearly identified with what we do as our major role and task—the unit of people who work here. Administratively we had a lot of meetings together because we were one department, even though we did different things. So this is a cleaner, more efficient administrative structure."

Fr. McPhail feels the new changes will take a little time to get accustomed to. He feels

these new changes, however, are very necessary and will benefit the PC community on the whole. He feels, "Once things settle into an organized pattern it will be a lot easier for people, especially the students."



M.F. STAUFF '00  
A gateway to a new beginning.

**"This is a cleaner, more efficient administrative structure."**

~Rev. J. Stuart McPhail

was also a lot of activities involved with helping freshmen get started."

These programs have continued to remain intact at the College but on a differently structured scale. As Hogan explains, "Student Services has remained the same but the delivery system has become more appropriate now."

The delivery system, in fact, is one of the major vehicles of change. The specialized divisions in Student Development were originally

## Focus On: Dr. Kirk Brague, New Assistant VP of Student Services

BY KATHY HEBERT '01  
NEWS STAFF

Restructuring within the department of student services lead to the development of several new positions. Dr. Kirk Brague, a new face on the PC campus, was recently hired to one of these positions as Assistant Vice President of Student Services.

Brague graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina with a degree in Parks and Recreation. Deciding he did not wish to pursue this profession, he went on to get his masters in Student Personnel Services. He then went to the University of South Carolina at Greensborough where he earned his doctorate in Education Administration.

Although he is new to the PC community, Brague is no stranger to college life. Brague spent sixteen years working with students at his alma mater. Before working at Clemson he spent three years at Belmont Abbey, a small Catholic College.

While at Clemson, Brague advised many different student organizations, including: fraternities, the radio station, newspaper, and the Union Board, (Clemson's equivalent to the Board of Programmers). He also worked with student discipline and alcohol and drug education.

Brague sums up his vast work with the Clemson student body by stating, "I have worked in a whole bunch of different areas regarding

students and their out-of-class activities."

This experience will be a great asset to Brague as he begins his duties here, including chairing a committee which will review the discipline process. He works closely with the chairpersons from Student Health, Student Services, intramurals, and Personnel Counseling, as well as being an additional advisor for club sports.

Brague also works closely



with Maureen Quinlin, Special Assistant in Student Services in dealing with the alcohol compliance process. He expressed his concern with "the issues that relate to alcohol use and abuse."

Although Brague has only been here for five weeks, he is already noticing several differences between student life at Clemson and student life here at PC: "I think PC takes a more active concern with the lives of its students and I think this is a plus for PC. Another difference is the compactness of the campus, which makes it hard for PC to increase enrollment

because of the lack of space for new academic buildings and dormitories."

Another large difference between the schools is the size of the student bodies. Clemson is a public institution with approximately 17,000 students as opposed to the 3,500 undergraduates here at PC.

Brague chose to come to PC for his own professional growth. "I wanted to go somewhere, where I could bring my own personal experiences to the job. I also wanted to go somewhere smaller and PC being a Catholic school is also a plus. I have also heard this is a nice area to live in and raise a family."

Brague is also extremely excited about "being the first person in a new position."

Another factor in Brague's decision to come to PC was athletics. "I wanted to go to a school where athletics was not overpowering, but where there were still big time athletics."

Brague hopes the areas he works with "will improve over the course of time because of things I can help bring to PC."

He also feels that it is "very important we increase opportunities for students outside the classroom. Research shows students who get involved tend to be more satisfied with their collegiate experience and are more likely to stay in college."

Brague plans on taking an active role in dealing with the

## Students Protest Team Cuts

BY REBECCA PIRO '00  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

In the wake of PC's move to cut men's golf, tennis, and baseball teams to meet NCAA regulations and Title IX, voices of athletes and students are being raised to question the results.

Approximately 225 male and female students gathered within Alumni Gym in peaceful protest at 1:00 Wednesday afternoon after the news had broken over campus earlier that morning. As athletes and students assembled to confront Administration, the angry voices of opposition were quieted into silent support for one another.

John Marinatto, Assistant Vice President of Athletics, opened the discussion with a brief explanation. "Last year we discovered PC was out of compliance with the NCAA certification requirements," he said. To amend the situation PC needed to form a gender equity plan to ensure equal opportunity for both males and females.

At the time, PC's student ratio was almost 60% women to 40% men. Consequently, the NCAA requires 60% of sports funding go towards women's athletics, and 40% to men's to achieve a fair balance between the sexes, he added.

Although many students called for alternative means to reach gender equality, Marinatto argued all options were carefully considered by the administration. To create additional sports would increase the tuition burden on incoming freshmen, and the most efficient method is to cut teams to balance the female/male ratio,

he said.

"The money will be redistributed from the men's to the women's programs with this cut," explained Marinatto. But the three men's teams eliminated from PC's roster next year are not the only sports sacrificed. The funding for women's volleyball and tennis was also cut and they will no longer be financially supported by the school. Though the women are free to continue playing, the loss of money will severely affect the team, as it will others.

Despite the questions and opposition the new plan faces, Marinatto reassured the students of its positive results. "At the end of four years this plan will make all the athletes much more competitive, and we will successfully meet NCAA certification," he promised.

After Marinatto concluded the explanation and defense of the administration, some students ventured to ask why they were not consulted before the decision was final. Marinatto replied athletes would have been unable to offer an unbiased opinion on the issue.

"The athletes were not asked because everybody would have voted in the interest of their own sport," he said. "The only result would have been a conflict of interest."

An anonymous student came back in reply, "If there is such a conflict of interest among these athletes, why are they all sitting together here right now?" she demanded.

Simply the presence of both



## Women have strength in numbers, and together will stop the fear

### October: Violence Against Women Awareness Month

#### ~Women Will~

By REBECCA PIRO '00  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Battling the negative issues of our changing society is no easy fight for any young adult today. Women especially are affected by the overwhelming obstacles of abuse, violence, and sexual assault. Since 1994, Women Will has been an important organization which provides a much needed voice for the student body in confronting these issues.

As a student-led, on-campus organization, Women Will meets weekly in the Women Studies office to raise awareness of varied women's issues, said president Kate Williams '99. Every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. members gather to talk about sexual assault, campus safety for women, or details of upcoming activities.

"It's like a big social hour," said Keith Aguiar '01. Attendance averages around twenty people per meeting, and men are encouraged to participate.

"It's an organization for women, but not only for women," added Williams.

The main goal of Women Will is to help women on campus become secure with themselves, said Williams, and the club organizes many

activities to increase student awareness.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, and Women Will has already begun by participating in the citywide Take Back the Night rally last Saturday. The rally is an opportunity for women to make public their views and experiences with abuse. Their message is clear: women have strength in numbers and

**"There are issues on campus which women face that men don't have to deal with."**

together will stop the fear, said Williams.

Future plans include an appearance by Gail Dyer, the pre-law advisor on campus during Thursday, Oct. 8's Women Will meeting. Dyer plans to define terms such as sexual abuse and rape, and explain PC's policy on sexual harassment.

The Silent Witness Program returns this spring to speak out against domestic violence.

Silhouettes of Providence women murdered by domestic violence will be displayed with their stories written on the cutouts. Women Will members will also participate in an off-campus march for Silent Witness this fall.

The annual on-campus Take Back the Night rally, conversational brown bag lunches with the women's studies department, and a trip to Boston to hear Alice Walker are additional samples of available activities.

Dr. Mary Anne Sedney, a professor of psychology and the Director of Women's Studies, is the faculty advisor for Women Will. She thinks the organization is an excellent opportunity for students to discuss their concerns with others.

"The club gives women and men a place on campus to discuss issues of concern outside the classroom," she said.

"Women have to face their own feelings, and understand that it's not a taboo topic to talk about women being raped," explained Williams. "There are issues on campus which women face that men don't have to deal with."

Women Will is located in the basement of the Philips Memorial Library room 112.

## Playing Hardball

### Chris Matthews Speaks at PC

By CHRISTINE CAMPBELL '01  
NEWS STAFF

Providence College had the privilege of having Christopher Matthews as a guest speaker, the host of one of the highest-ranked political programs on CNBC, called *Hardball*.

He shared his views on the upcoming election, Bill Clinton, democracy, race, and the economy. He spoke smoothly with a touch of humor in issues pertaining to the government, as a room full of students, teachers, Friars, and people of all ages in the community listened and laughed with great interest.

In addition to hosting *Hardball*, he has been Washington Bureau Chief for the *San Francisco Examiner* and a nationally syndicated columnist since 1987.

Matthews is a graduate of Holy Cross College and went to graduate school at the University of North Carolina. He also served with the U.S. Peace Corps in Swaziland. "The Peace Corps was one of the greatest things I have ever done in my life," said Matthews.

He learned politics as an aide to Senator Edmund Muskie, a presidential speech writer for Jimmy Carter. Matthews also had the opportunity to work for long-time boss and friend, the

late Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neil Jr. He worked for him for six years and refers to him as "the best politician you will ever come across."

Matthews' involvement includes some of the most significant events in history. He covered the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, the first all-race election in South Africa, the peace referendum in Northern Ireland, and three U.S. Presidential elections.

"We have a theory of democracy," expressed Matthews. He points out that Americans have the free right to vote, but not everyone exercises this right.

When he witnessed the first all-race election in South Africa, he described the lines people were waiting in as stretching from horizon to horizon. People waited to vote all day with no food, bathroom, or water.

"The absolute freedom is wondrous in our society," Matthews said enthusiastically. He loves the fact anything can be said by anybody at anytime.

Matthews was raised by Republican parents but when it comes to his own affiliation he is a staunch Democrat.

"Democracy works; it is a noisy operation and people argue, but it works," he said.

Matthews is known for criticizing Bill Clinton, but gives three reasons why his job ap-

proval ratings are so high. He calls it the three G's: Growth, Gender, and Generations.

"The American people are very practical, we never change, we always vote on economic performance," said Matthews. He went on to explain the reason Clinton is so popular is because the economy is booming and satisfying the American people.

Matthews explained how Clinton is excellent at playing the gender card right in our society. He addresses issues of both males and females equally and adequately. He is tough on crime and Matthews feels men are more apt to support this. Matthews feels Clinton has a constant presence in the classroom with an emphasis on education which he feels will win the women's vote.

"My problem with Bill Clinton is I really do believe he thinks he has the right to lie and we have to take it," said Matthews. He compares Bill Clinton to a prom king standing on the side lines looking attractive to the public, but with no real goal to achieve.

"There is something missing in Clinton's presidency," said Matthews.

Matthews is having a hard

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#### ~Resources~

#### In Search of an Understanding Ear?

##### Sexual Assault & Trauma Center

- \* Individual & group counseling
- \* Advocacy services
- \* General info/referrals
- \* Crisis intervention
- \* 24 hour helpline:  
**1-800-494-8100**
- \* Web page:  
[www.satrc.org](http://www.satrc.org)



##### Sojourner House

- \* Emergency shelter
- \* Support groups
- \* Children's prog.
- \* Court advocacy
- \* Public education
- \* Counseling
- \* 24 hour helpline:  
**1-800-494-8100**

#### College Wrap-Up

By REBECCA PIRO '00  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

College Wrap-Up returns this week with a variety of entertaining options for students looking for off-campus adventure.

The Contemporary Writers Series, sponsored by the Brown Creative Writing Program, continues Friday, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Sam Truitt, Xue Di, and Forrest Gander will appear together to celebrate Lost Roads Press at the Brown Bookstore.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14 prose writer Lydia Davis will read from her work at 8 p.m. in the Russell Lab, T.F. Green.

The Impossible Object Reading Series begins on Thursday Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Brown Bookstore. Keep an eye out for further details!

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Theater at Brown is flourishing with the opening of the fall semester. Included in the scheduled repertoire is comedy, classic drama, and dance performances. Upcoming productions include *Cymbeline* by William Shakespeare, *Camino Real* by Tennessee Williams, *Atrous Dawn*, a musical by Abi Basch, *George Bissen*, and *David Peck*, *Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov, *An Irish Play* by Dan O'Brien, and the *Spring Dance Concert*, a combination of student and guest choreographies.

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# PC's Ranking # 2 US News & World Report

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graduate programs, and grant fewer than forty percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines.

There are 423 regional liberal arts colleges, including sixty-seven public institutions." *US News* groups these schools in the North, South, Midwest and West. All of the magazine's categories are derived from classifications established by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

*US World and News Report* does slightly change its methodology yearly. This year, each individual was asked to rate peer schools' academic programs on a marginal scale from one to five. Also, in calculating average reputation scores, the magazine stated they used the "trimmed" mean; that is, the average rating given to each school after dropping the two highest and two lowest scores.

"Because of accounting changes for private colleges, we now measure a school's financial resources as a single component, instead of two," wrote Amy E. Graham and Robert J. Morse in an explanation of *US News'* methods.

Do not be discouraged, just because PC is number two this

year does not mean it is not a good college anymore. Changes in a school's rank may reflect changes in other schools' performances or changes in *US News'* methods and not just changes in the school's programs.

"Our primary objective is to serve students searching for the best school for them. With this goal in mind, we have worked with education experts to refine and evolve our ranking system over time," explained *US News*.

An important question asked by many readers of *US News and World Report* is why they rank colleges.

"It's a controversial question, with a simple answer," stated the magazine, "We do it to help you make one of the most important decisions of your life. We rank for quality and we rank for best value as well. You would not go out and buy a CD player or car without making sure it was the best you could afford given your budget. The same rule should apply for choosing a college, especially at a time when four years at a university could cost you \$100,000 for tuition alone, not to mention room, board and books." The magazine, though, does want to note students weighing where to go to college should not use the rankings as a substitute for other sources of information.

Overall, private colleges and universities do better on several measures in *US News'* ranking model, including student selectivity, graduation and retention rates, and class size. This year Villanova University was ranked number one overall in the "Top Regional Northern Colleges" category, as well as in the graduation rate category. Eighty- six percent of the students at Villanova graduate within a six-year period. Providence College tied for second with Fairfield University in the graduation rate category with eighty-three percent.

*US News and World Report* published the rankings in three places: in the August issue of the magazine, in a separate college guidebook, and on their Web site.

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time determining what Clinton believes in. He does not think he is striving for excellence, "He [Clinton] is almost celebrity-like."

In addition to all of his accomplishments, Matthews is the author of two best-selling books. *Hardball* is a political primer that has become assigned reading at colleges and high schools across the country since its debut on the best-seller lists in 1988. In 1996, he authored *Kennedy and Nixon: The Rivalry that Shaped Post-War America*, which tells of the early friendship and historical rivalry between these two political giants. The book is now in production as a one hour documentary to be aired this fall on the

# New Addition for PC

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"issues that are the perennial issues on any campus; certainly alcohol and drugs as well as campus leadership."

He looks forward to taking a proactive approach to leadership and increasing the amount of student involvement, "I know on my old campus ten percent of the students were carrying the other 90 percent in terms of leadership and yet college is a great opportunity to develop those skills."

At the moment, Brague can be found in his office in Student Development but in Mal Brown,

where he is living in a guest apartment until his family arrives.

Brague smiles as he states, "I am enjoying that. It lets me see a little bit different side of campus. It is a little noisy on weekends, but it is actually not as bad as I thought it would be."

Brague encourages students to come to talk to him at his office about any suggestions they might have on improving the areas he works with. He sums up his feelings on his new position by stating, "I am really happy to be here at PC."

# Students Protest Title IX Decision

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men's and women's sports at the protest, including teams who will benefit or be unaffected by the decision, was a powerful demonstration of unity.

Colleen Lee '00, co-captain of women's volleyball, stated, "Even the teams gaining from this decision were present to support us, and they joined everyone else in questioning the school's methods."

Bobby Brown '99 spoke on behalf of the men's soccer team: "We're here in support of our fellow students. We want an explanation from the faculty and administration why this is happening. They seem to have pulled the rug out from under so many students," he said.

Members of the baseball team, represented by John Nathans '01, agreed that the controversy affects more than just the men or just the women. "[The effects of the decision] go further than baseball. Programs have been cut and friendships will be broken. Who can you trust if your school is not willing to support you? We as a team represent the school, and now I have lost respect for the place,"

he said.

Lee determined the main conflict is the lack of communication between students and administration. "It was a decision that really affected the athletes, and we weren't consulted in any way, shape, or form," she said.

Not only did athletes feel isolated from the decision, but they believe the issue was purposefully hidden from their knowledge.

Before Wednesday's protest male athletes were not aware funding for the two women's sports had also been cut. Athletes complained administration did not come forward in person to announce the changes, but left the coaches to break the news alone. And many students expressed dismay that this year's freshmen were recruited with no idea of the year's future developments.

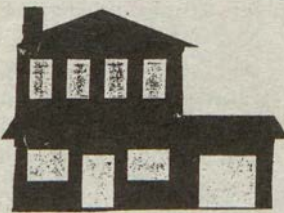
Although students had the opportunity to vent feelings and state their opinions, at this point the decision remains permanent and final, and many remain unsatisfied with the results.

Lee agreed, "Sports aren't really for students- it is really a business. I think a lot of students realized that here today."

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# A Politically Correct PC

By JOHN ALLEN '99  
EDITORIALS EDITOR

I just want to take this opportunity to congratulate the freshmen on their outstanding timing. You see, they have arrived at Providence College just in time to witness our school's concession to the pandering liberal dogma which is strangling common sense. Yes, we have acquiesced to the short-sighted and theoretically impaired

any of this pertain to Providence College? Let's discuss it without all the double talk and rhetoric you'll be presented with in "official" statements. In other words, let's confront what this is really all about.

This is not primarily a monetary issue. This is not an issue of justice being promulgated. This is not even about athletics. This is P.C. being "p.c." for the superficiality of public image. This is a school which has been taken to task for its lack of diversity. This is an institution cited by a publication

percentage gap between the genders on this campus, and witness an apathetic fan base ignoring a weak athletic program. The tragedy is that schools can use athletics to raise their academic standards by making themselves known nationally. We are not in this group. We are content to skate by in a closed, homogeneous little world which lacks any kind of vision for bigger things.

What we have to realize is that with this decision, we lose more than just a few athletic

## It is a vicious cycle which will, in the end, widen the percentage gap between the genders on this campus...

edicts of the NCAA. Our ever vigilant administration has gone out and made the Providence College community politically correct again by installing the so-called gender equity of Title IX.

In the most succinct way that I can possibly describe it, Title IX can be achieved in the following ways: 1) opportunities in athletics for women which is proportional to their ratio in the undergraduate community 2) a history and continuing practice of program expansion for women, and 3) fully accommodating the interests and abilities of women. So, how does

of *The Washington Times* as being one of the twenty five most "politically incorrect" colleges in the country. This is an administration saving face. What Providence does here is tell the rest of the world how much fairness means to us. Nonsense. In actuality, this is the equivalent of our government raiding suspected terrorist bases after the Lewinsky revelation. It is a smokescreen to divert the attention of the critics.

The irony is that what will eventually end up happening here is males will become less and less prominent on campus as their programs continue to be cut. It is a vicious cycle which will, in the end, widen the per-

programs; we lose visibility, tradition, and respect. Furthermore, the money saved will never be equal to the losses this school will incur in the future. Sadly, none of these things have ever been values embraced by Providence, and the school suffers as a result.

And to the males of the class of 2002 (otherwise known as the "Freshpersons" class in politically correct circles), I offer you a bit of advice: study hard, have a lot of fun, and if you want to play a sport, shave your legs. Those field hockey skirts leave little to the imagination.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As I walk around campus today I have an overwhelming feeling of numbness. I also notice many others who have this same expression. When I woke up yesterday morning I felt nothing but love for the Providence College community. Yet today when I look around I feel nothing but bitterness for those who made the decision to cut the tennis, baseball, and golf teams. I am especially friendly with many of the tennis players, who felt that their lives as they know it were ripped out from under them last night. Not to mention the feelings of the coaches and families that were affected by the decisions.

I feel it is important to write this letter because I think the average student on this campus can not even imagine the pain this decision is causing. First, for those of you who are not athletes, to truly understand how they are feeling you must try to imagine that someone has taken away the thing you love more than anything and given

you no chance to respond to the decision. It is important that everyone realizes that this was a done deal at least a week before the players and coaches were told. They were not allowed to have a say in the decision or even given a chance to speak until the decision was finalized by the board of trustees. I would like to remind you that many board members have never attended a tennis match or baseball game here. These athletes are now being forced to make a hard decision about whether or not they want to stay here or transfer. This is not a decision they chose to make, it was one they were forced into. For a college based on Catholic traditions and morals, where are these traditions now? How come no one is taking the time to worry about the athletes? Providence College is a Division One, Big East school. I fully agree that education should be our top priority, but is also crucial for those who run this institution to remember that many students come here not only to learn but also to partake in athletics.

The most important point I want to make is that the misguided people that make these decisions claim that their decisions are based on Title IX. Well then, I want them to explain something to me. Why did they also cut scholarships from the women's tennis and volleyball teams if these are the

types of programs they are suppose to be helping? Also, why did they conveniently forget to mention this aspect of the decision in the nice little letter they sent everyone in their mailboxes? This decision was not only based on Title IX, I know that for a fact. I can not begin to guess the other reasons, but I think it is important to find out the truth for once.

I want to apologize on behalf of all students to the coaches and players these decisions have affected. I can only imagine how much this must ruin everything you have worked so hard for. As a member of the field hockey team last year, I only began to realize the time and commitment that these athletes must give to this school. To those who made this decision, I want you to consider long and hard all of the people you have hurt. Not only the athletes and coaches, but also their families and the entire Providence College community. I know you say you gave this issue a lot of thought and you were forced to make these decisions, but think hard and long and do not fool yourselves. The reason this decision was made is because it is the easier one.

Nicole LaBranche '01



# Teach our Children Well

By KIMBERLY CUTRONE '00  
ASST. EDITORIALS EDITOR

Perhaps the greatest personification of American society is evident in the citizens our country produces. People are a product of their culture. We exemplify our heritage and absorb our surroundings. The question in this day and age is whether the children of the nineties are safe in their absorption of American culture.

As a child of the eighties, I can recall watching President Reagan on the television addressing the Cold War and "Star Wars." Although those controversies were an essential factor in American culture during my childhood, my personality was neither scarred nor profoundly impressed. In fact, the most I can recall about them is a scattering of current events assignments in elementary school and a few paragraphs in my history books. The scandals of my childhood were hardly as juicy and pornographic as the scandals which leave their indelible mark on the children of the nineties.

The most poignant example of the indecency inherent in the nineties culture is possessed by our own President and leader, Bill Clinton. Many people in this country seem to take the standpoint of "if it doesn't affect me directly, then I don't care." Many are of the opinion that Clinton's personal life should remain private. It would most likely make some members of society happier if the media adopted this belief, but I beg to differ. A president is supposed to be a pillar of morality and an example of the best individual our country has to offer. Bill Clinton's entire term has been riddled with scandals ranging from sexual harassment law suits to White Water fraud. Children in America are not learning about George Washington and his

cherry tree, but rather they are watching and reading about their pseudo - role model of a President giving a detailed account of his sexual escapades with a White House Intern. If the president of the United States doesn't have to be held accountable for his sexual conduct, then why should subsequent generations of Americans have to be? Young adults may interpret this type of behavior as the norm and throw their indiscretion to the wind with the excuse of human fallibility, when lack of morality is to blame.

In the sixties, feminism was an integral part of the times. Young women burned their bras in protest and read Ms. Magazine in their quest for equality in society. In the nineties, the role models which are forced in the face of young women are none other than Monica Lewinsky and Hillary Clinton. Monica had the privilege of working in the White House, which many years ago scarcely welcomed females. During a time in her life when she should have used the prestige of her internship to help her gain ground in her career, she had an affair with the President and is now playing the role of the victim. Young women are learning that hard work is not as effective in reaching goals as committing an act of indecency and not taking responsibility for one's own actions.

Hillary Clinton was placed on a pedestal when her husband became President. Feminists everywhere venerated her and some people even said that she had substantial power over her husband. As the truth comes out about her husband, however, she is choosing to lay low and "stand by her man." She is clearly a bad example for young women in this country. By supporting her husband, she is playing the part of a doormat. If she had any self respect or sense of dignity she would leave

him high and dry. It is unhealthy for young women to be subjected to the image of a subservient first lady. It can only result in the future degradation of the women's movement and equality for females in this country.

If children in this country haven't been exposed to enough sex and violence in magazines, newspapers and television, the internet is throwing pop-up menus of pornography onto their computer screens while corporations such as Disney, which pride themselves on children's quality entertainment, are doing their best to halt the passing of laws which would help prohibit underage access of pornography on the web. Disney, along with many other corporations which maintain web sites on the internet, possess the attitude that since they don't produce pornography, the law should not be pertinent to them. I seriously doubt that this type of attitude holds the best interest of America's children in mind. All it does is slow up the legal process involved in passing the law. A corporation such as Disney should be ashamed of itself. Children are the reason why they are a multi-billion dollar industry. At the least, they have an obligation to protect their most benevolent customers.

As teenage pregnancy, drug use, suicide, and crime are on the rise among children and adolescents in this country, need we ask why? Children growing up in this day and age have very few corners to hide in from scandal and sexual explicitness and bad role models. If American society doesn't ascend from its walk in the refuse of scandal and indecency, a generation of Americans may be lost among the rubbish.

## Letters to the Editor, Continued

To the Editor:

Most College faculty are aware of the existence of the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund. However in recent conversations, especially with younger faculty, it has come to our attention that many are not aware of the faculty role in contributing to the Fund or its role in the origins of the Fund.

It was a faculty initiative which established the MLK Fund in 1968, shortly after the assassination of Dr. King. If memory serves, the late Rene Fortin, professor of English and for many years director of the DWC program, was the spark for the idea of a scholarship fund honoring Dr. King. A call went out and was immediately responded to by many faculty and staff, who pledged one-half of one percent of their salaries to the fund. The College cooperated with matching funds and by arranging for payroll deductions for faculty contributions. Many of those pledges continue to be filled to the present day.

We were surprised at how few faculty who have joined the College in recent years were aware of the existence of the fund as a faculty sponsored effort or as an opportunity to contribute to a minority scholarship project. As many of the original sponsors reach or approach retirement age and leave the payroll, it would be timely to spread the word and to invite more recently arrived faculty and staff to join in sustaining the Fund for the future. We are confident that the College community, once aware of the opportunity and the need, will respond with its customary generosity.

Sincerely,

Mario R. Dinunzio  
Rodney K. Delasanta  
John F. Hennedy

To the Editor:

Last week I attended "Wings and Strings" at Stuarts. Most of the acts were entertaining and impressive; one student, however, seriously crossed the line of good taste. I am referring to the student comedian who did an impersonation of Jim Carey as Jesus on the cross. He literally held his arms out, made faces, writhed and made irreverent jokes in a Jim Carey voice. To me, and many other PC students, Jesus Christ is God; His passion and death are sacred reactions, not subjects for an irreverent parody.

I do not consider myself a religious fanatic, yet I wonder why most of the audience laughed after this skit. Did they honestly think it was funny? Was it nervous laughter or disbelief? I don't know.

I can hear the cries of "free speech" already; I am not challenging anyone's rights. Yet, I think that with our rights come responsibility. That comedian is not legally obligated to respect the faith of his audience. However, I do believe that he is morally obligated to do so. I would not want to disparage something this student held sacred; if I did so unintentionally I would apologize. Therefore, I feel that the student body deserves an apology or an explanation of this behavior.

Sincerely,

Kelly Gradale '00

# Stayin' Alive

By MARYSSA REED '00  
EDITORIALS STAFF

People born between 1961 and 1981 know who they are. Yes, we were born of the "baby boomers" and are commonly referred to as "Generation X," "Lost Generation," and "The Twenty." Something Generation, among other titles. What has our era done to merit such a label? Apparently, the root of the problem is that we haven't done enough.

Many of our parents were "twenty something" during the 70's decade when it seemed as though a lot of things were just beginning. The women's rights movement was gaining momentum in 1971, while 1975 marked the embryonic stage of the disco era. Platform kicks, polyester pants, and major sideburns were evidence of Saturday Night Fever giving disco its renowned fame in my birthday year, 1978. I am proud to say that I was born

during the 70's because it was such a milestone era. Sometimes it seems our era fits the mode of a pseudo - 70's era as people sport disco-inspired attire and spend evenings in "wanna-be" disco clubs. The 70's is one era which can never be remade, but it's always fun to pretend.

The word which comes to mind when thinking about "Generation X" is unethical. We are surrounded by murder, incurable disease, and a sex-obsessed President. Is it really our fault or is it a question of good models of behavior? Most of the "baby boomer" offspring loathe the labels that are given to the present generation, but it is evident that something should be done to change what is happening. The 90's has no exclusive trademark or nostalgic touch like that of other generations. Have you ever stopped to consider why? America has witnessed the flower power 60's, disco 70's, and the beginning of punk in the

80's as just a few examples. What do we have to share with our children? Generation X is fortunate to have the ability to educate themselves with the knowledge of new technology, environmental problems and solutions, and various other issues. Our knowledge is the peephole into the future and Generation X has to learn to help itself along.

It seems as though the only logical thing to do is turn backward. Our present situation cannot get much worse in terms of ignoring the value of life. It is sad to see a society so rich in resources and opportunity succumb to temptation and greed. There are many "twenty something" people who are willing to turn things around and help our generation be known for change; they simply have to stand up for what they believe. Maybe with a little help we can turn "Generation Me" into "Generation We."

## Advice, Free of Charge

By KAITLYN PRATT '00  
EDITORIALS STAFF

Whether it be student loans, books, food or phone bills, the college years are an introduction to new financial responsibilities for students. Accordingly, many students apply for their first checking accounts, ATM cards, and credit cards.

Deprived of steady income,

what is probably a student's first credit card. Companies such as Visa and MasterCard defend these college marketing practices, insisting that most students use credit responsibly and deem the cards beneficial for establishing credit history.

However, with little or no credit card experience, large debt plus interest is a danger for the average college student. Jobless, many cannot handle

## Deprived of steady income, credit cards serve as a substitute for money we do not have

credit cards serve as a substitute for money we do not have. Tantalizing, flashy credit card applications lure us from our bookstore, student center, and bulletin boards. Free t-shirts, free calling cards, free frisbees, or more appropriate, complimentary directions to the land of bad credit.

The magic word "free" is enough to stop anyone in his or her tracks. Enticing gifts are peddled in the hopes of winning long-term loyalty to

the high balances that accompany the convenience of paying with plastic. As long as credit card companies market to PC students, the college should have the obligation to educate its students about debt management.

Furthermore, credit companies should be advocating responsible debt instead of panhandling candy and other promotional paraphernalia.



# Music, Music, Music, Music...

## Ultrababyphatness

By VENESSA ANDERSON '99  
A&E EDITOR

Information Overload. Media Anxiety. Too much crap.

These are just a few words that come to mind when one thinks of all the new A&E events. Our job, as the A&E staff of PC's *Cowl*, is to lessen your anxiety and let you know that it is perfectly fine not to know about all the new bands. However, it is not acceptable to be clueless.

One band that deserves to be added to your musical vocabulary is UltraBabyFat. This four person ensemble of vocals, guitars, bass and drums, has been driving through this country's music scene with incredible velocity.

The brains behind UltraBabyFat are childhood friends, Shonali Bhowmik and Michelle DuBois. Bhowmik and DuBois grew up in Nashville, TN, where they met at



The cover to UltraBabyFat's new Velvel Release, *Silver Tones Smile*. UBF is currently touring to promote this refreshingly unique rock album.

It was not too long before they realized that they had more than a hobby on their hands. Their half-band quickly rounded out when a drummer and bassist were added to their guitars and vocals and their new band, BabyFat, took Atlanta by storm. "All this patience has been good," comments DuBois, "because now we've got the right people."

UltraBabyFat is now busy promoting their third album, *Silver Tones Smile* (Velvel). They recently made a stop at The Met Cafe where they performed live. "We think of ourselves as a live band," says DuBois. "We really wanted to capture that sound as well as we could with the recording. Live, we don't play with huge

phrase. It is an electric rock album; however, it is low-key. It does not assault your ears with messy guitar riffs. The raspy vocals are soothing in an intriguing way. UltraBabyFat also experiments with under-tones. "Peacock Throne," for example, starts with an Indian chant that is eventually underplayed by the rest of the song. "Peacock Throne" also incorporates unusual instruments like the tamboura, sitar, and nahl. Another impressive song on the album is "Jonesin." The track does wonders with filtered vocals and a good, boingy bass line.

It is clear that UltraBabyFat is among the few decent independent label musicians. It is interesting to note that UltraBabyFat's new video for their single, "Twist," was chosen to accompany the home video release of "My So-Called Life." It was thought that the video featuring romps through life's little pleasures meshed well with the style of the critically acclaimed TV series.

I feel it is my civic duty as A&E Editor to help relieve some of your media anxiety, and warn you that you will be hearing more about UltraBabyFat in the future. Just remember, you heard it from me first.



the age of eight when their parents teamed them up to practice the violin. A friendship was forged from those first squeaky notes that has proved unshakable. "We've got this band picture from the sixth grade and right there, front and center, are me and Shonali, sitting right next to one another," says Michelle. "And it's sorta been that way ever since. All of our spare time was music."

Bhowmik and DuBois attended different colleges but their music never stopped. Graduation led them both to Santa Cruz, CA, where the duo's song writing began to bloom. "Because the hippie thing was so strong there," says Bhowmik, "our songs were really fresh-sounding to them."

Atlanta, GA was next on the duo's list when Bhowmik decided to attend lay school and DuBois quickly followed.

amps- we have a more lo-fi sound."

*Silver Tones Smile* expands on the duo's strong songcraft. "Our creative process has no formula," says DuBois. "As individual songwriters, we find inspiration all around us, from movies, storybooks, relationships, screwed-up peers, really anything." On *Silver Tones Smile*, Bhowmik and DuBois split song writing duties evenly, collaborating on about one third of the songs. "Some songs we each just felt a drive to complete on our own," comments DuBois, "but some of my favorites, like 'Peacock Throne,' would not have turned out as awesome if only one of us had written it."

It would be really difficult to characterize *Silver Tones Smile* in one

## Archers of Loaf

By MEGHAN T. KELLY '01  
A&E STAFF

What does the phrase "Archers of Loaf" bring to your mind? To the overworked cab driver who drove us to the Call last Monday, October 5, it sounded like "a club Robin Hood and his merry men would belong to." Well, not quite, but I bet the band from Chapel Hill, North Carolina would be amused to hear his interpretation. Since it was the band's second time playing in Providence, all the hipsters were there to see them stretch the limits beyond the indie rock genre.

The opening acts, Broadcaster (who I arrived too late to see) and a band called Creeper Lagoon, were not so heavily supported, despite their impressive performance. Creeper Lagoon's style of emotional and dreamy indie rock shows real promise. The bored and there-

cluded with their signature sound are synthetic keyboards and even some samples. "Dead Red Eyes" is my favorite song on the new album because of the rhythmic keyboard introduction. At the concert, singer Eric Bachmann distorted his voice to falsetto highs before quickly returning it to its familiar rasp. Looking out over the crowd through his thick rimmed glasses, he advised, "you guys should smoke more—it's good for your voice."

Some of Archers of Loaf's best moments occurred in their instrumental tunes. Bachmann was ably backed by crazy bassist, Matt Gentling, who tried to address the crowd with feigned seriousness, but finally resolved to simply telling jokes instead. The repetitive bass lines are soothing yet motivating, blending well with the powerful playing of the drummer, who had a disturbing tendency



Sharky Laguana, Geoffrey Chishlom, David Kostiner and Ian Sefchick make up Creeper Lagoon, Archers of Loaf's opening band.

fore very friendly drummer enthusiastically promoted their CD "I Become Small and Go." Melancholic songs like "Claustrophobia" and "Black Hole" complemented the smoky looming atmosphere.

The crowd multiplied once Archers of Loaf took the stage. Although devoted fans may be somewhat suspicious of the more experimental aspects of their new album, *White Trash Heroes*, most will find themselves completely pleased. In-

to randomly leave the stage.

Archers of Loaf managed to successfully offer something for almost every musical taste. It was great to see a band that plays as well live as they do on CD. Watching the show, I could not help but feel I was witnessing really great car music. If you are looking to get out of the country really fast, the bass and drum kick will definitely get you there. What could be better than that?

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# Music, Music, Music, Music...

## Ode to Eliot

By JESSICA TABAK '01  
Asst. A&E Editor

Eliot Smith, how do I love thee?  
Let me count the ways:  
I love your mix of wistful angst  
and harmonies that doth entrance  
with simple waves of eloquence.  
Along with this, your awkward smile  
And distinctive lack of style  
I love! For you I'd run for miles.  
You're hair is a mess, but your music shines—  
Eliot (and Quasi) you blow my mind.

Right, right. I am not a poet.  
But shows like the one that  
Eliot Smith and guest band  
Quasi put on last night at

wrote the music for *Good Will Hunting*). On stage Tuesday night, however, in addition to being lyrically amplified, Smith was musically amplified. That's right, folks. Plugged in. He played the vast majority of his set, comprised mostly of songs from his new album *XO*, on electric guitar, with Quasi (Smith was once a member of the band) accompanying. Having three musicians performing Smith's songs made for a much meatier sound than my friends and I were used to hearing from him. Layered guitars and three-part harmonies abounded (the whole thing was very Matthew Sweet), while Quasi's drummer (a very talented woman, I might add) kept it crunchy.

After a forty-five minute set,

*On CD, Smith is a mellow kind of guy... On stage, Tuesday night, he was amplified. That's right folks. Plugged in.*

Lupo's Heartbreak Hotel make me wish I was one. Maybe then I would be able to eloquently express the greatness of my musical experience.

Eliot Smith, shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

Faithful reader, please stay tuned. If you do, I will promise not to subject you to any more painful poetry. Instead, I will attempt to direct all of my awestruck energy into my review.

My friends and I arrived at Lupo's later than we had intended and missed the first opening act, singer-songwriter Sara Doughty. As we entered the club, however, the frustration caused by our tardiness washed away in the waves of truly engaging music emanating from the stage. The band turned out to be Quasi, and the music turned out to be consistently excellent. A two person outfit (I shy from calling them a duo because they had such a rich sound), Quasi, played a keyboard and drum oriented brand of alterna-rock that struck a real nerve with the audience. The band's singer/keyboardist/guitarist's intelligent lyrics were delivered with a Stypian quiver that sent more than one chill down my spine. It must have done the same for the rest of the audience, too, because at the close of their hour-long set, audience members were lined up to buy their CD.

After a brief intermission, out came...Eliot Smith...(sigh). On CD, Smith is a mellow kind of guy (A point of reference for unfamiliar readers—Smith

## Damn Martin Dam's !

By VENESSA  
ANDERSON '99  
A&E Editor

If nothing else, one must respect the dedicated creative efforts of the Philadelphia groomed band, Martin's Dam.

Brothers Scott and Brian Bricklin grew up in a musical family where they have been collaborating on music basically since birth. "As little kids," says Scott, "we were always getting in trouble for ripping up the furniture, turning it into drums, amps and stages. We were playing along to records before we could actually play a note. By the time I was nine and Brian was eleven, we were in a band."

This creative companionship and vigorous songwriting team resulted in Scott

singing lead vocals and playing guitar with Brian

on back vocals and guitar. The duo's decade long career has led them down many roads. Their first self-titled release, *Bricklin*, was released on A&M's label but the sales were disastrous. The brothers were quickly released from their contract.

Unlike many other would-be musicians, this setback did not defeat the brothers. "People sometimes ask what kept us going in those days," says Scott. "The truth is, I write songs to fulfill a need to express myself. Writing



Brian and Scott Brickline are the brain children behind Martin's Dam, which just released their new album, *Sky Above*, October 6th.

has saved me thousands of dollars in psychiatric fees. It's an emotional and spiritual thing."

Instead of imposing a ruthless touring schedule on themselves, the brothers started experimenting with friends from the Philadelphia music scene and became what we now know them as, Martin's Dam. The name came from the place, on the outskirts of Philadelphia, that represented

more mellow, melodic and rootsy.)

*Sky Above* has a healthy mix of acoustic and electric sounds. The songs are very pleasant and listenable; there is no assaulting noise. The lead vocals are Bono-ish in that raspy, achy, I've smoked too many cigarettes way. Martin's Dam included the signature pop, excellent com-

*"People sometimes ask what kept us going in those days. The truth is, I write songs to fulfill a need to express myself."*

a haven for Scott and Brian.

Bassist Mark Gorman and drummer Gary Gold later joined the brothers to round out the band. Martin's Dam was signed to Hybrid Recordings in 1997 and released their first album, *Sky Above* October 6th.

One can definitely tell that the album was produced by Kevin Killen, the same man who produced for U2, Peter Dinklage, and Elvis Costello. *Sky Above* has a distinguishing pop sound. (Mind you, it is not that bubble gum, happy go-lucky sound. It sounds

like a combination of fast and soft songs. This is a polished album. It is easy to tell that it was created by a more mature band.

The Bricklin Brothers have always written music for the pure joy of it. "Neither Brian nor I have had much success or satisfaction doing anything else. We would rather be broke and play music than grind the wheel for a weekly wage. And besides that, music is all we know."

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# Art, Art, Art, Art, Art, Art, Art

## Hunt Cavanagh Gallery; Visiting 'Nam

By JESSICA TABAK '01  
Asst. A&E Editor

"Dear Tony,

*I want to finish up some business between us. I want you to know how much you hurt me by us not getting married. All these years it felt like such a rejection...yet I realize now in your mind it was because you did love me so much, you felt by marrying me you would only hurt me more if you were to die, like you did. I'm really mad at you for dying on me...."*

-Anonymous letter  
"Between the Lines"

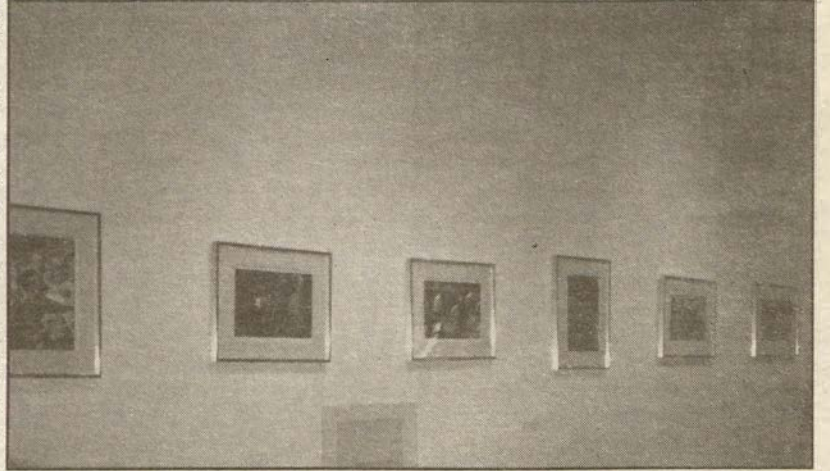
So, you think you know plenty about Vietnam. You've studied it in CIV, and you've seen *Forrest Gump*. You know that people fought and people died, and that the reasons why tend to be hazy. Regardless of how much members of our generation think we know about Vietnam, most of us still tend to look at it as an abstract event that happened before we were

born. There is little real life indication that what happened was—and still is—real.

Enter "Between the Lines: Photographs from the National Vietnam Veterans War Memorial." A photography exhibit by Thomas F. Morrissey, "Between the Lines" is on display through October 9th at Hunt-Cavanaugh (For those of you who still don't know where Hunt-Cavanaugh is, it is the pretty building with the fountain behind Dore Hall). This free exhibit features black and white pictures as well as copies of actual letters to soldiers who died during the war. In combination, these two resources provide the viewer with an emotionally jarring experi-

35mm frame, freezing the life-drama as only the still photograph can capture and create."

These images range from a color photo of a Vietnamese woman outside her home, which Morrissey took during his time in Vietnam, to black and white photographs of the many survivors congregating at the war memorial. This inclusion of pictures depicting both the war itself and the still reverberating repercussions helps to connect the historical event to the human suffering. It gives the viewer a clear connection



"Between the Lines: Photographs from the National Vietnam Veterans War Memorial" is currently on display at Hunt Cavanaugh.  
- photo by Rachel Watt

*The exhibit gives the viewer a clear connection between what Vietnam was and the pain that our time there caused.*

ence that will not soon be forgotten.

Morrissey, a Vietnam veteran himself, has included various different pictures which he feels "present deep internal messages from within the

between what Vietnam was and the pain that our time there caused.

Further pushing the emotional envelope are the letters that appear with the pictures. In the exhibit write-up, Morrissey

clarifies that the "letters and messages included are not intended to 'illustrate' the images

keeping the viewer cemented in the reality of what she is seeing.

Vietnam is serious stuff, and it's both tempting and easy to push it aside into our mental piles of untapped historical knowledge. "Between the Lines" prevents us from doing this. It challenges the viewer to allow the present-day anguish of Vietnam survivors to touch him on a very personal level. It helps us remember something that we were not alive to know.

but rather compliment" them. Looking from photographs to written accounts of personal loss is a strong tie-in device that helps keep the images concrete in the viewer's mind. The letters work as a mental anchor,

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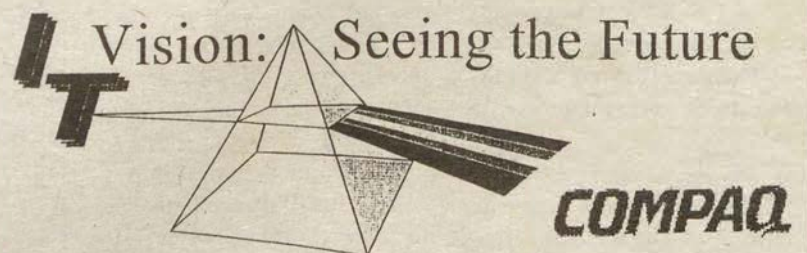
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## Pastiche has Panache

By KATIE FOURNIER '99  
A&E STAFF

People in Rhode Island know exactly where to go to get Italian food: Federal Hill. *The Hill* is the place to experience all the mouth-watering delicacies that our own *Little Italy* has to offer.

One of the most likely to endure cafes on *The Hill* is not actually along Atwells Avenue, but is nestled quietly on Spruce Street, which is also home to the fabulous Caserta Pizzeria. The cafe is called Pastiche Fine Desserts, and caters to an array of caffeine-driven and cake-hungry customers. The cosy, one-room bistro is popular with students (I saw other PC students there on the night that I went), theater-goers, and locals, not simply because of its charming atmosphere and fantastic fare, but also because it remains open until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. each night (except Monday, when Pastiche is closed).

Pastiche is decorated in muted gold and yellow tones, prompting images of dreamy Tuscan countryside. The ivy trailing across the windows and the mural depicting an Italian village completes the relaxing atmosphere. The

tables and booths are intimate, and the soft lighting enhances the pervading mood of comfort. The aroma of coffee and chocolate swirls intoxicatingly through the air and intertwine with the gentle Gershwin melodies playing softly in the background.

And then there are the desserts. Upon entering Pastiche, one is immediately confronted with more than a dozen varieties of simple and exquisite cakes, brownies, and pastries. The chocolate hazelnut torte, which is served in thick slabs, coated with nut-flavored chocolate frosting and held together with a rich chocolate mousse. The butterscotch pudding is presented in a bowl, topped with a generous dollop of whipped cream, and further decorated with frosted gingerbread cookies in the shapes of stars and moons. Besides these, there are at least 10 other delicious goodies to choose from.

The service is excellent and the fare is incredible at Pastiche. The prices are in the usual range for this type of food and drink, which is a deal for such scrumptious desserts. Pastiche also welcomes large groups. For more information, or for directions, call 861-5190.

## Clay Pigeons: Right on Target

By ALICIA MOSKWA '99  
A&E STAFF

There is no shortage of blockbusters about serial killers recently. Black comedies that make it big, however, are few and far between. (*Scream* is the closest I can think of, and that tips the scale more towards horror.) If nothing else, film noir offers a departure from an ordinary action movie or a romantic date movie. There is definitely something to be said for a movie that can entertain on many different levels.

Such is the case with *Clay Pigeons*, the debut of director David Dobkin. The story is set in backwoods Montana - in the kind of town where the men play pool in "wife beater" undershirts and the women have huge hairdos and microscopic outfits. Clay Birdwell (Joaquin Phoenix) discovers the disadvantages of living in such a small town when his best friend, Earl, confronts him about the affair Clay is having with Earl's sex-crazed wife, Amanda (Georgina Cates). Unfortunately, the two men are target practicing when the truth is brought to light, and Earl happens to have a gun at his disposal. Clay quickly becomes

involved in a series of frame-ups and cover-ups.

Just when he thinks his life is at its most complicated, Clay meets Lester Long (Vince Vaughn). "Lester the Molester" (as he refers to himself) is at first a fishing partner, until Clay realizes there may be more to this sketchy cowboy than meets the eye. Meanwhile, FBI agent Dale Shelby (Janeane Garofalo) must sort through the dead bodies found in Mercer while dealing with the bumbling local cops in order to solve the mystery of what has become a serial killer case.

Joaquin Phoenix would be decent as Clay, if the character was intended to be psychologically complex. He is, at times, tremblingly innocent, and at others, scowlingly deceptive. However, it seems as if we are supposed to be pulling for him and viewing Clay as the next-door nice guy who makes a few mistakes, but is mainly a victim. If this is the case, I do not buy it. Perhaps it is the scar on his lip, or maybe it is his desperate need for a haircut that turns me off. Plus, I do not like his name (I do not even know how to pronounce it).

Janeane Garofalo (*The Truth About Cats and Dogs*) is won-

derful (as always) in her role as the snotty but smart FBI cop who eventually pieces the puzzle together. Between her pot smoking and her sarcastic smile, we even get to see a rare vulnerable side of her.

However, the real star of the film is Vince Vaughn. It is about time this actor got noticed. He is finally getting the roles and the attention he deserves (He is reportedly starring in a remake of *Psycho* later this year). You might recognize Vaughn as Trent in *Swingers*, or in the *Jurassic Park* sequel *The Lost World*. This character is perfect for Vaughn's comic abilities. He plays Lester as adorable and charming but also creepy. He has an annoying but hysterical laugh, with a clinging but lovable personality reminiscent of Jim Carrey's in *The Cable Guy*.

It is worth watching *Clay Pigeons* just to see Vaughn in his role. While this film may not be a blockbuster, it will almost certainly develop a cult following, and it may become successful in the way that *Chasing Amy* is. Hopefully, at the very least, this film will increase the chances that we will see more of Vaughn and this particular genre in the future.

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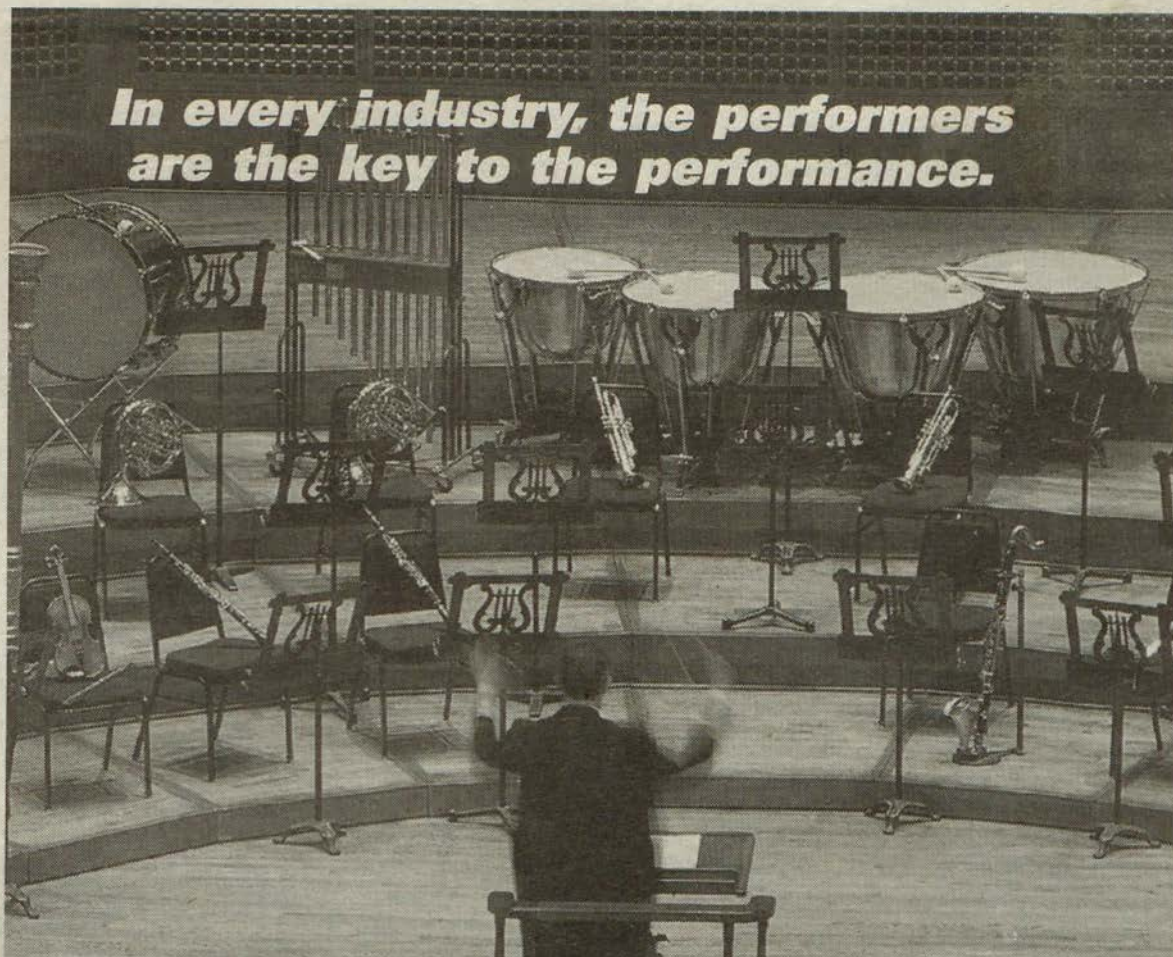
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## Robert Goulet as King Arthur in *CAMELOT*

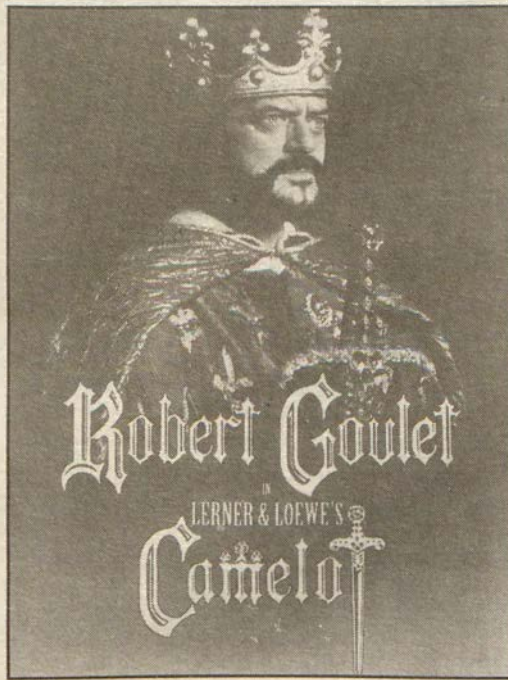
The Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC) is getting ready to kick off their BankBoston 1998/1999 Broadway Series with *Camelot*, starring Robert Goulet. J.L. "Lynn" Singleton, president of PPAC, says, "This is one of the shows that is consistently requested by our patrons. It is an undeniable favorite with songs people know and love."

This tour of *Camelot* should not be missed as Goulet's appearance is an event itself. Nearly four decades ago, Robert Goulet made his Broadway debut in the original production of *Camelot* as Sir Lancelot. The Lawrence, Massachusetts native went on to win the Tony Award for Best Actor in the musical *Happy Time*, in addition to becoming a Grammy Award winning recording artist.

*Camelot*, based on T.H. White's, "The Once and Future King," is the tale of King Arthur's quest for righteousness and truth in the world and the choice he is forced to make between his beloved Queen Guenevere and his most favored knight, Sir Lancelot. Re-creating the grandeur and pageantry of the Knights of the Round Table, this production features medieval sets, regal costumes, and props reflecting England in 600 AD.

Lyricist Alan Jay Lerner and composer Frederick Loewe were enjoying success on Broadway with their musical *My Fair Lady* when they began working on *Camelot*. Casting for the show included Richard Burton, making his Broadway debut in a musical as King Arthur, and Julie Andrews as Queen Guenevere. Advance sales for the show went over \$3 million, eclipsing the record set by *The Sound of Music* the previous year.

Months after the opening of *Camelot* on December 3, 1960 at the Majestic Theatre in New York, Ed Sullivan devoted one of his television programs to honoring the music of Lerner and Loewe. *Camelot* became a hit, playing 873 performances and lasting more than two years on Broadway. President Kennedy quoted lyrics from the title song in his inaugural



speech and the Kennedy Administration is still referred to as "Camelot."

Performances for *Camelot* are Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m., October 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., October 16 at 8 p.m., October 17 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, October 18 at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets ranging from \$31 to \$45 are on sale now at the Providence Performing Arts Center Box Office and Ticketmaster outlets. Call 421-ARTS for more information.

## Attention All Aspiring Musicians Providence's New Record Label Celebrates its Opening with a First Annual Artist Showcase featuring The Screamin' Cheetah Wheelies and Bare Jr.

A brand new Rhode Island-based label, Open Door Records, announces that it has opened its doors to any and all worthy musicians hungry for a taste of success and the rare opportunity to bring their acts to audiences nationwide. The label is currently seeking demos of mainly, but not exclusively, popular/alternative rock acts to comprise their inaugural artist roster with an emphasis on local talent.

"We want to provide an open door to artists that have been traditionally held back behind closed doors," says Dan Petronelli, one member of the management team behind Open Door. (Tom Carley and David DeBaene round off the team.) "We want to provide a vehicle where artists will not only be heard but promoted and recognized. Our marketing will be creative, through our web CD store, and also through traditional promotional avenues."

Open Door is celebrating their inaugural year with a First Annual Artist Showcase in con-

junction with 94 WHJY this Saturday, October 10, at noon. This free event will be held in Waterplace Park and will include bands such as The Complaints, Groove Clinic, Serene, The Earthlings, and the Rosenbergs. National acts will include Bare Jr. and The Screamin' Cheetah Wheelies.

The event is being held for charity. The public is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Mayor Cianci will also be there to join in the celebration. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to Bootleggers.

If you are interested in label opportunities, the Open Door team will have a booth at the concert where you can drop off demos. You may also contact A&R, Open Door Records, 10 Dorrance St., Ste 540, Providence, RI, 02903. And if you are interested in just having a good time this Saturday, Waterplace Park is the place to be.

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The Red Hot Organization is well known for creating high profile concept albums that raise funds for AIDS charities by inviting musicians to make a difference by doing what they do best. Its first ten releases, including *Red Hot + Blue*, *No Alternative*, and *Red Hot + Rio*, have entertained diverse audiences with a universal life-saving message. Through these efforts, Red Hot has succeeded in selling over 4 million albums worldwide and raising nearly \$7 million for AIDS relief.

The Red Hot Organization released its 12th album October 6, 1998. Entitled, *Red Hot +*

*Rhapsody*, it features tracks by David Bowie, Money Mark, Natalie Merchant, Sinéad O'Connor, Morcheeba, The Roots, and many other artists. This release is the latest effort in Red Hot's eight year campaign of battling AIDS through popular culture. As with all Red Hot releases, proceeds will be donated to qualifying AIDS charities in the US and around the world.

Currently, the Red Hot Organization is looking for college representatives to help in the fight against AIDS. You can help fight AIDS through popular culture while gaining expe-

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*This penitent A&E Editor would like to apologize for mistakes in last week's issue. She would also like to add that Katie Fournier is the coolest swinger at PC.*

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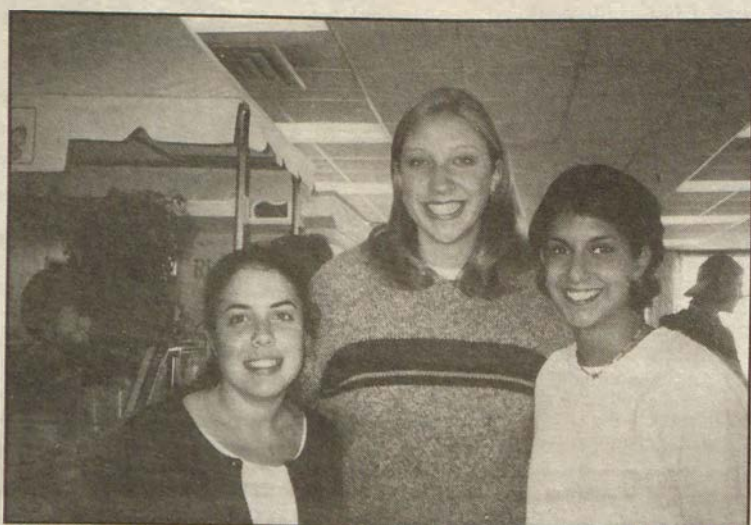
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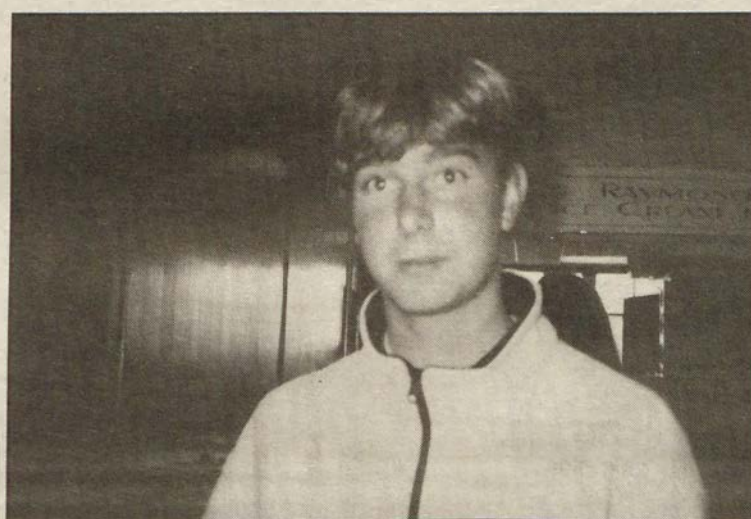
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Dr. Elaine Scully, RSM, Theology Department  
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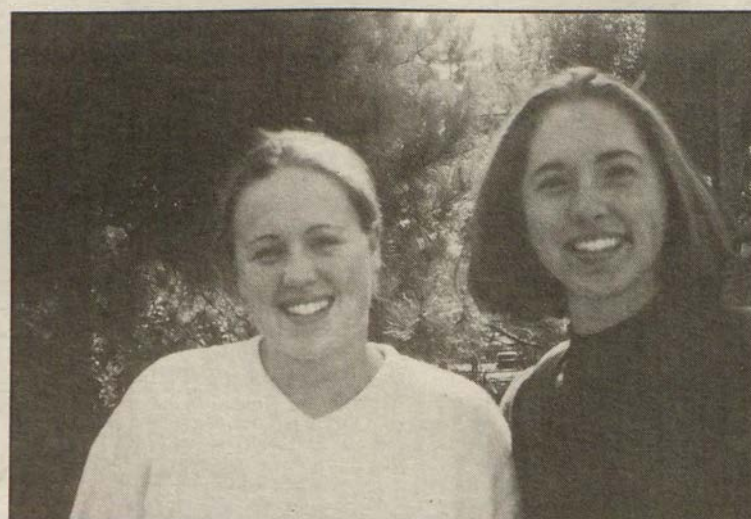
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"Sorry Guys!"



Geoff Kissel '01  
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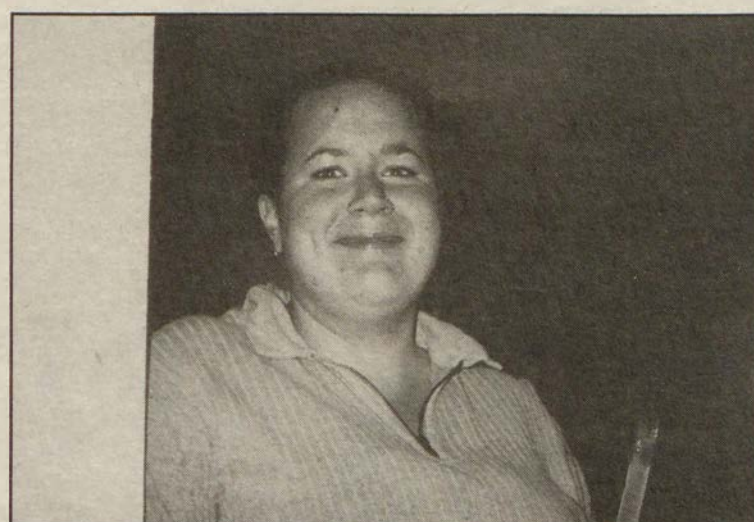
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# The Nonsensical Ravings of a Lunatic Mind

I'm convinced I'm getting dumber day by day. You'd think because I'm a senior that I'd have acquired vast amounts of knowledge about a myriad of topics, but sometimes I don't think that's the case. I frequently find myself telling my house mates, "I'm so stupid." To be perfectly honest, I don't really believe this, but every once in a while I'll do something truly worthy of being considered dumb.

**Sarah A. Valente '99**  
Features Editor

I had a great job over the summer. I worked 9-5 in an office with some of the nicest

people I've ever worked with. It made me realize just how much I hate working in retail. Sorry for all of you who are stuck trying to sell people stuff. I've done it before, but never again.

Since the beginning of the semester I've noticed that I've developed a bad habit that I'm trying very hard to break. Actually, I'm not sure when this habit started, but it's starting to get out of control. I must confess that I refer to women as chicks. I don't know why I do, but I do. The chick at the bank, the chick in my class, the chick on TV - it just never ends. I think I would be offended if

someone called me a chick, so don't ask me why I use the term. I've never actually called a woman a chick to her face, but I guess it's wrong no matter when I say it. Oh well, it could be worse. I could have taken up smoking.

There is some sort of hive thing in the corner of our garage, but our landlord hasn't done anything about it. I don't care for bees, hornets, or wasps too much, so I'll be very upset if I get stung. The neighborhood kids thought it would be fun to try to knock it down. My house mate yelled at them. They haven't come back since. Go Karen!

My prediction: Yankees vs. Braves. I'd like to see San Diego make it a good play-off, but somehow I don't think it's going to happen. At this point I'm not thinking about who I'm going to root for, but rather who I'm going to root against. I'm just bitter because the Mets didn't make it to post-season. I've been saying maybe next year since '86.

Why did they (whoever they are) get rid of the light brown M&M when they added the blue one? Could they not have that many, so they decided to give light brown the boot? I'm sure the person who decided to make light brown one of the original

colors isn't too pleased with this change. Now, I'm not saying that I don't like the blue. I just want to know what happened to the light brown.

Have you seen the new \$20 bills? Ugly. The United States has got to have the ugliest money in the world. Green and white with the big head of a dead president on it (well not Ben Franklin of course, but his head is still big). What's next, extra large quarters? Maybe we should just banish all money and go back to bartering. I've got a couch I'd like to get rid of.

## Carpe Diem

My sister tied the knot this summer. That's right, she is no longer a Lee by name. And although she is 8 years older than me, reality suddenly hit. The future is wide open, staring me right in the face and trading in its maiden name for a new one: the present.

**Colleen Lee '00**  
Features Staff

In one year I'll be as old as my parents were when they got married. Somehow I still feel like the seven year old racing the neighborhood kids on my training wheels, sporting no cares other than the possibility of victory. I still want the win, but it is slightly more complex now.

This sudden dose of reality goes beyond Civ's academic security blanket. It is the revelation that after 17 years of a very sheltered education I could be thrown into the jaws of the real world. Pretty soon, I will no longer be lectured and expected to accept everything as true, but be expected to have thoughts of my own! It is a grand idea and I am still for it, but it is still enough to make my blood chill and my hair stand on end (well, after my last haircut, what's left of it!)

Hey, nerves are good though! Think of all the sporting events, performances, presentations, or interviews you have ever been involved in. Maybe it is just me, but there is something to be said for butterflies. Usually they symbolize me at my best.

With senior year looming larger by the minute, there is plenty to be nervous about. Whether it be applying for graduate school or finding the right job, the pressure is on! It is not easy to find your niche in the world, especially when the precedent is your parents jumping right into theirs at the ripe old age of 22.

But I'd like to think that all this pressure is a good thing. We thrive on it, or at least I do. It is when you start to get comfortable that you should begin to worry. As pessimistic as that sounds, it is true. It's like the old story of the tortoise and the hare: when you think you are in the lead and start to get comfortable, watch out, because while you are sleeping, life and its opportunities will pass you by.

So to all the juniors out there, we may have two years left, but remember how fast the first two went. Make the most of it, Carpe Diem!

## Two Words

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lege, it definitely doesn't make it easier; I feel guilty wearing my *Bad Religion* shirt around campus. Oh, I've got a killer quotation for you; it's from *ALL*. "Gotta do it now. I need a brain storm. Gotta be the early bird and get that worm. But who wants a worm? Who needs a worm? I don't eat worms. I hate worms!" I think that about sums it up; you've got to do what you want, ladies and gentlemen. Do you want to live your life only to look back and see regrets?

I don't know if this is taking any of you to a higher, truer

level, but maybe you'll be inspired. Now I guess I should add that this whole article is slightly hypocritical because I can't say I often live my life by those two words. If you bother to read my articles you'll eventually be struck by my blandness. Sometimes I'm raw and honest, and other times sheltered; one of my teachers once said she saw a tug-of-war inside of me. So forgive me if I can't follow my own advice, but at the same time fu... well, hopefully you've got the idea.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

I'm going to use this space to mention a few people who may never get mentioned in *The Cowl*. Look for your name - it might just be here one week!

*To Tom, the biggest Rush fan I know: thanks for listening to my problems. You're welcome for the iced tea and the computer. I really didn't mean to hit you in the head!*

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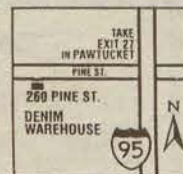
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# College Dating, According To Me

Okay, the being single thing has gotten old. When I was recently single, it was really cool — I did what I wanted and had to answer to no one. I felt as though I owned the world. Then I looked around and realized that it was a pretty lonely place to be. When your friends all seem to be conquering the dating world, then that leaves you only two options: find a date or find new friends. Unfortunately, I like my friends.

**Lori D. McCrean '99**  
Features Staff

I would like to comment that dates are a rare entity on the average college campus. For some reason, dating is seen differently here than in the world that exists outside college. When was the last time that you went out with someone when it did not revolve around some kind of predetermined celebration? Regardless, I rarely even have that option. Personally, I am already panicking that I will not have a date for Commencement. I have decided that my dating dilemmas are worth nothing besides a good laugh. I can tell you how to meet all the wrong people. As far as the good ones are concerned, don't ask me.

Clubs. Now, most everyone there has been drinking profusely. This is the first thing that you need to remember. A guy that was dragged there by his friends and has a fear of dancing is not going to be a

good companion. This is the guy that wants to win you over with his stunning conversation skills. When such a specimen stumbled into a seat next to me, all I could think of was whether or not he could make it to the bar and back to get me a drink. I decided that he could not and drank it myself. He was talking, I was listening. Pretty simple. During a five minute conversation he contradicted himself three times. He went from working in advertising to being currently unemployed. Hmmm. At this point I had finished his drink and decided to give him my little test. I asked him if he remembered my name. He looked confused, as if it had been a difficult question. That was the end of that.

## Why is it that everyone wants to be from Boston?

Bars. There is a little more of a social atmosphere here. There is some dancing, but not always. This way, those that have a fear of embarrassment can just sit and drink. Those that have had enough to drink will dance. I usually wait for the guy to approach me. I'm traditional like that. However, there are some guys that you do not want to meet. My

friends and I bumped into this guy while we were going to the bathroom. He started to talk, but then claimed that he did not want to tell us what he was discussing with his friend because we would be offended. We assured him that we would not, but I will withhold because you might be. For future reference, we should have opted not to hear what he was talking about. Needless to say, I found out that he lived in the same town as some of my relatives. Actually, he said that he was from Boston when in fact he was way outside Boston. Why is it that everyone wants to be from Boston? Okay, now he was not convincing me that he actually knew anything about that town, so he got out the license to prove it. Now, I did not ask him to do this. However, as he showed me the address, he covered up the date of birth. Hmmm. That is just a little too sketchy for me. We went to the bathroom and left.

Parties. PC parties seem to be a sort of cult. Those that have heard of the parties wander the streets. Those that know where the parties are just go without paying attention to the wandering circus. Always go with someone else, preferably someone who knows the people that live in that house. Be prepared to drink cheap beer, but it's okay because it is free. Relax and talk. Make sure you know where the bathroom is. Now, these are PC parties. Yet, there

is usually an influx of people that do not go to PC. Why this is I do not know, but these "locals" always find me. These guys, usually in threes, are from southern parts of Rhode Island or Boston. Whatever the case, they all try to justify to me why it is better that they did not go to college: their job pays \$9.98 an hour. I don't mean to stereotype, but these people are avoidable. Nothing good has ever come from a local. Well, I did have one guy getting me drinks when I sprained my ankle. That is not the point — I was lazy. There is potential at parties, but you have to be careful. And my one piece of advice: let someone walk you home. There is no harm in that. Otherwise, you may be walking quickly across the street by yourself hoping to make it home. Paranoia.

Friends. Now I think that girl friends are a definite asset: they love to tell stories and show pictures. When your friends' boyfriends are long distance, they need to tell stories about what they did that weekend when they were separated. The only way to do this effectively is to show pictures; however, this could also be detrimental. Make sure that you have seen all the pictures. Otherwise, it could be quite embarrassing — you never know when a camera angle could make your chest look like it is giving off light. Still, this is a possibility that should not be taken lightly. Friends can prepare a good statement about you. They know you best; they would not set you up on the blind date from Hell. Otherwise, you will make their dating life miserable as well. One last piece of advice on friends be wary of the stories that you let circulate among the boyfriends. You might not want a perspective date to know that your friends may need to be certified in First Aid and CPR to associate with you.

Dating. All it requires is a sense of humor.

## Two Words

I always figured that for my last *Cowl* article, I'd share with you readers the greatest piece of knowledge I've gained at PC. Recently, I've been thinking about it and well, that puts way too much pressure on my future self. So, I'll just share with you the best piece of advice I've received so far. And I quote, "There's only two words you need to know in the English

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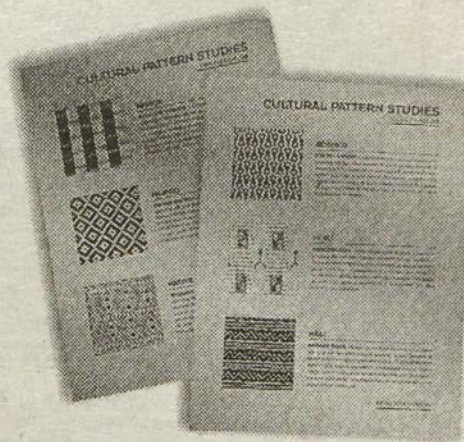
language, f\*ck and you."

Obviously, there's a need for some clarification here. I'll start off by saying that this isn't a suggestion or plea for you to go around flipping or telling everyone off. It stems from a discussion I was having with my brother's friend Rand (I doubt he'll ever read this, but he's the one who said it) in which I was going off on a tangent, very unusual I know, about my inevitable 9 to 5 future. I just couldn't, and still can't, cope with the idea of graduating and getting an office job, and if I'm lucky, my very own cubicle. I've still got dreams; I'm not completely hopeless and consumed by pessimism. Regardless, his advice is admittedly similar to staying true to yourself and not compromising your beliefs, but he just put it so well. I wish that was on one of my Civ exams, because to me, it was revolutionary and, well, I actually remember it.

PC can be a rather homogeneous place; whatever, I think it's true. In life, it's already tough enough to express who you are, through words and appearances, without the added pressure of everyday actions being seen and judged in a confinement of a few acres. My Murphy's Law poster says it the best, "Where you stand on an issue depends on where you sit." When you're in a small Catholic col-

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# Play the Prophet

Cross your fingers, get under the bed, close your eyes, and take a deep breath. And don't forget to say an Act of Contrition. It's coming, and the prophecies say we should be worried. The new millennium

Jodie L. Zdrok '99  
Features Staff

is on its way.

In celebration of the countdown, an abundance of "prophecy documentaries" have shown up on the telly. I've watched several of these shows. They expose alleged prophecies about the end of the world and the impending disasters leading up to it. The foretelling of man's fate is traced back to portents of the past, found in such things as pyramid dimensions from ancient Egypt or the writings of Nostradamus, a 16th century physician and astrologer. Just when you get ready to scoff "Fa-get about it!" the narrator will spook you by telling you about all the predictions that have already come to pass. Or we'll be reminded that the Blessed Mother has appeared a few times this century with warnings. Nostradamus is supposed to have foretold the coming of both Napoleon and Hitler

by name. He also made a list of popes - and has been accurate, they claim - and the list stops two names after John Paul II. Also, the name of the Antichrist is in the obscure writings of the astrologer, as well as his date of birth. And guess what? He is supposedly alive as you read these very words. Now, Nostradamus is just one case study - others have prophesied similarly. Believe what you will.

At this point, you probably regret having wasted brain cells on this article. You may have glanced up at the name again, just to make sure it isn't "Eight Ball." Have faith, my friend, and continue reading.

The practical side of my mind begs me to disregard these prophecy shows as hype. The medieval peasant in me, however, is a little less practical and a little more superstitious. I know what the Bible says, and that no one knows the day nor the hour but God. That's not much comfort, though, because it doesn't eliminate the possibility that the Second Coming could happen in my lifetime. In reality, we can't say when the end of the world *will* come, but we also can't say when it *won't*

come. Look that up in your Funk and Wagnall's.

Ultimately, these heavy duty reflections about the future make me keenly aware of the present. Would you really want to play the prophet, and know your fate? I think, as humans, we would ignore the obvious even if it elbowed us in our collective ribs. If we did know the appointed hour, many of us would deny it. Foreknowledge cramps our style, placing unwanted limits on our lives. On a grand scale, it would have unspeakable effects on the human psyche. God didn't intend for us to know the future - and who can blame Him?

If nothing else, these prophecy shows prompt me to want to live life to the fullest while staying in God's graces. There are so many beautiful people to meet, fascinating places to go, and amazing things to experience. I ask myself, "What am I waiting for?" My practical side says, all in good time, to everything there is a season, and other related clichés. But then the medieval peasant pipes up, and I hear some pretty modern advice: "Live, love, and learn like no other before you."

# Almost Legal

However much I may hate to admit it, there is one major thing which I have in common with most of the underclassmen: I am still under 21. How sad is that? Luckily, though, my under-21 days are quickly coming to an end. On Sunday, October 11th, I will join most of the senior class in being legal. With my new status, I can finally do all of those things I've dreamed of: going to bars, buying my first drink, seeing the inside of Brad's....

Heather Robin Rose '99  
Features Staff

Okay, so my 21st birthday isn't really bringing about entirely new privileges, but rather just making them legal. Yet, in my last few days of anticipation, I wonder what I will have to look forward to next.

Of course, having a fall birthday as I do has always been somewhat of a problem. I am always one of the youngest and one of the last people to get all those privileges that go along with different ages. I am always a few months behind!

## And, now, the big 21.

My first significant birthday was probably when I turned thirteen. I could finally trade in my "child" status for that of "teenager," what excitement! Not that I really could do anything that I hadn't been able to do before, but it was still something that made me feel a little older and a little more mature.

Next, of course, was the big sixteenth birthday. Images of drivers' licenses had been floating in my head for years. I felt so left out because throughout sophomore year in high school, people would leave in the middle of class with high hopes of becoming a legally licensed driver. My time, like for everything else,

came months after the majority of my classmates. Oh, I begged and pleaded with my parents to take me for a little pre-permit driving lesson, but the only thing I got was a quick spin around the parking lot of the local community college.

After becoming a happy driver, my next birthday brought about the somewhat trivial ability to see an R-rated movie without a parent. Maybe not a big deal but I distinctly remember buying tickets for the latest Disney movie and then sneaking into "A Few Good Men." (An embarrassing side note, I was actually carded this summer to see "Studio 54").

My eighteenth birthday was a big one. It was my freshman year and, lucky for me, also a Wednesday which, of course, meant the famous taxi ride to Muldoon's for "college night." More importantly, I had finally acquired all sorts of important legal rights: I could vote (and yes, I exercise my right to vote!), join the army, officially call myself an "adult," and, most importantly, buy cigarettes. No, I don't smoke, but I know that even the non-smokers felt obliged to buy that one "I'm 18! Go ahead and card me!" pack!

And, now, the big 21. Sure, it will be great. No more possibilities of being turned away from the bar (I especially hate that when I've been waiting in sub-zero temperatures for a half an hour). No more dumping out beers at the mere sound of the word "cop." I can even go to Foxwoods and hang out with the old ladies at the slots (no, really, blackjack is more my style).

But, the question is, what is next? What other monumental birthdays do I have to look forward to? 40? Like anyone could be excited about being "over the hill." 50? Even better, a half a century. 65? Bring on those senior citizen discounts! Is 21 the end of the line? I'm sure it's not, but I kind of doubt that any other birthday will be the party that this one is.

\*Due to powers beyond my control, this poem was not complete in last week's issue. Here it is again in its entirety.

## Coming Down

Once I had lofty thoughts of fluffy clouds  
And believed I could make them rain,  
I danced and played, singing praises aloud  
Oh how I wish to go back there again.

Now I've nothing left but tears I've wept  
Since three sharp blades pierced my side,  
Forlorn angels swept the dreams I'd kept  
Into the pale ash that was my pride.

I've died for my lies a thousand times  
In this hole feeling unearthly despair,  
So I cry and cry, singing no more rhymes  
Of fluffy clouds from my new flaming chair.

Jeremy Bolt '00  
Features Writer

## Spiderweb

Morning

rises slowly,  
Warming terra-cotta walls;  
Burnt offerings and temple prostrations  
Mix with the jungle birds' cry, a

Cacophony

of rush hour horns  
And headlights, blinking through  
winter rain.  
The street vendor is soaked; his roses  
Chilled, violets huddled together, now

Buds

that arch thin necks  
Into pure mountain sunlight.  
One goat, sure-footed,  
Displaces pebbles, which fall below  
and

Echo

through pious air,  
The final vibrations of a pipe  
organ's hymn.  
Old women sit and finger prayer  
beads;  
Somewhere, glaciers drip Time

Immortal.

I sit.  
Sealed in the stale cracker  
library,  
Lost in thought and reluctant to  
return

Laura Rodini '01  
Features Writer

## Poetry Corner

## A Dissection in Two Parts

I.

His skin smells like lemons and  
pickles  
Grabbing me under the chin  
Fading static light  
Jasmine swelling night  
His skin breathes on me

II.

It's how he sleeps  
prone and spread-eagle across  
the bed  
and the cold light of 5:18 traces  
his  
upward profile  
the trail of an alchemist across  
belly chest neck chin lips  
his back arched slightly sky-  
ward his  
lips  
pink and slack like a baby  
he glistens in this morning heat

Katie Miller '01  
Features Writer

## Dead Rock Star

What else,  
when all brute forces  
push inward at you  
unto the point of  
utter isolation,  
but to pull in  
the iron fences  
which supported  
you for so long,  
and release your  
very soul  
as food for  
the world?

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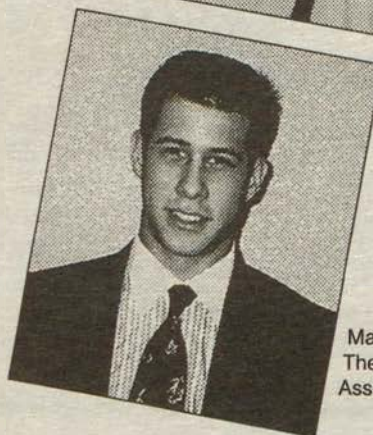
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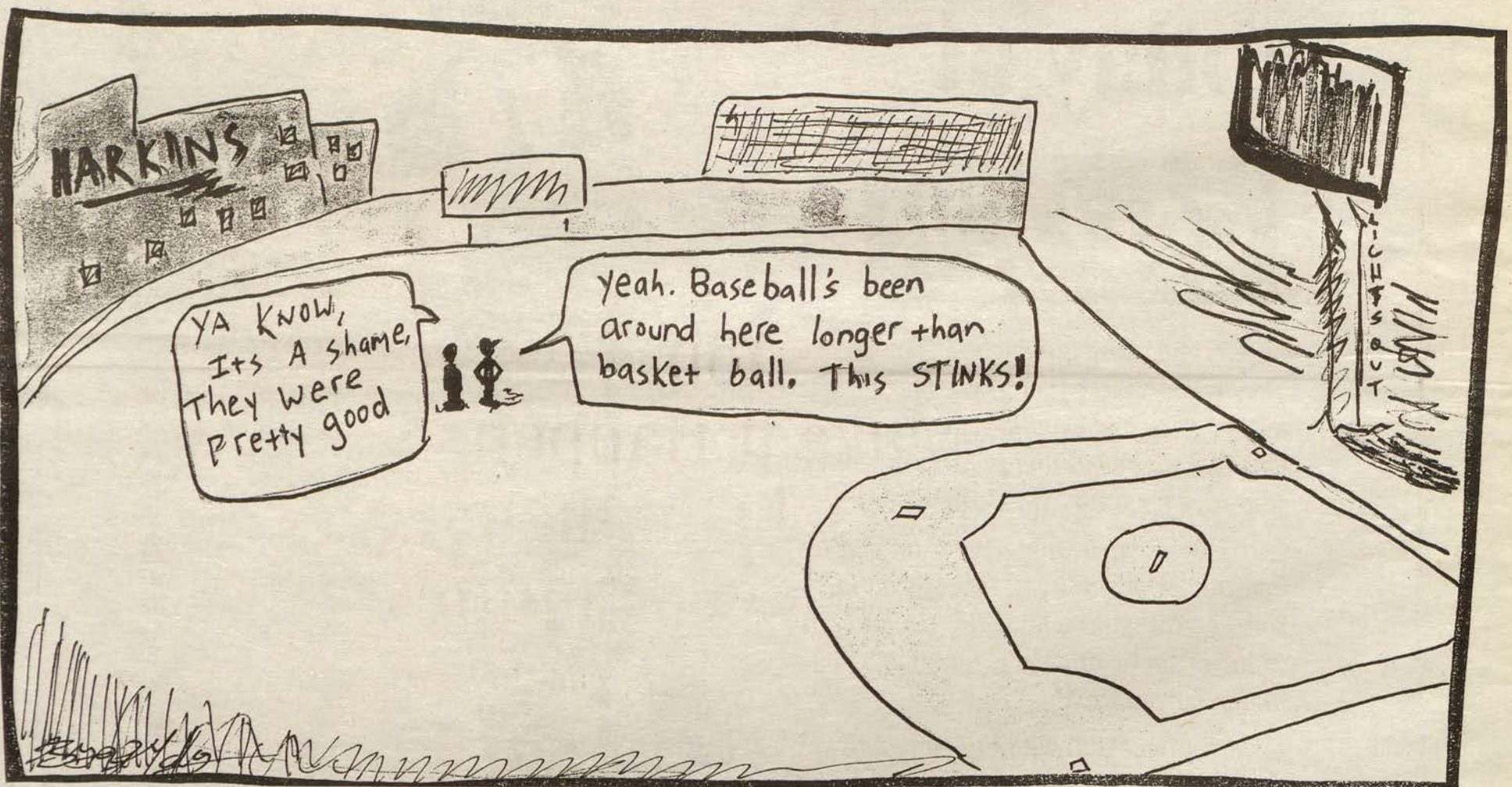
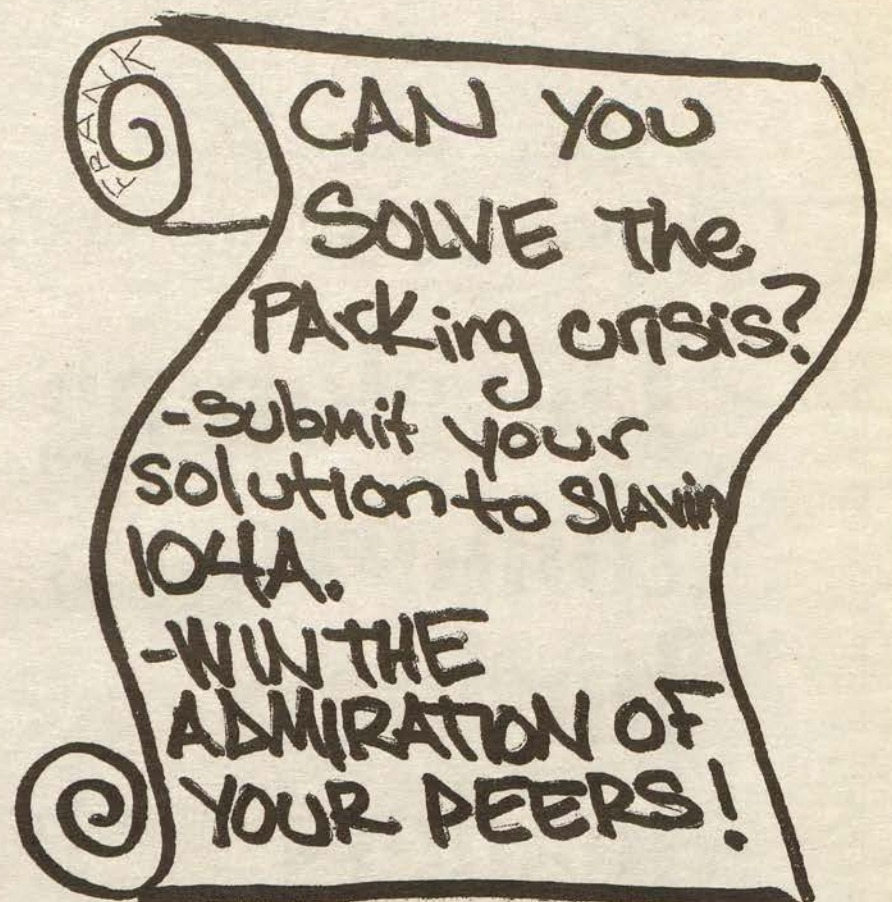
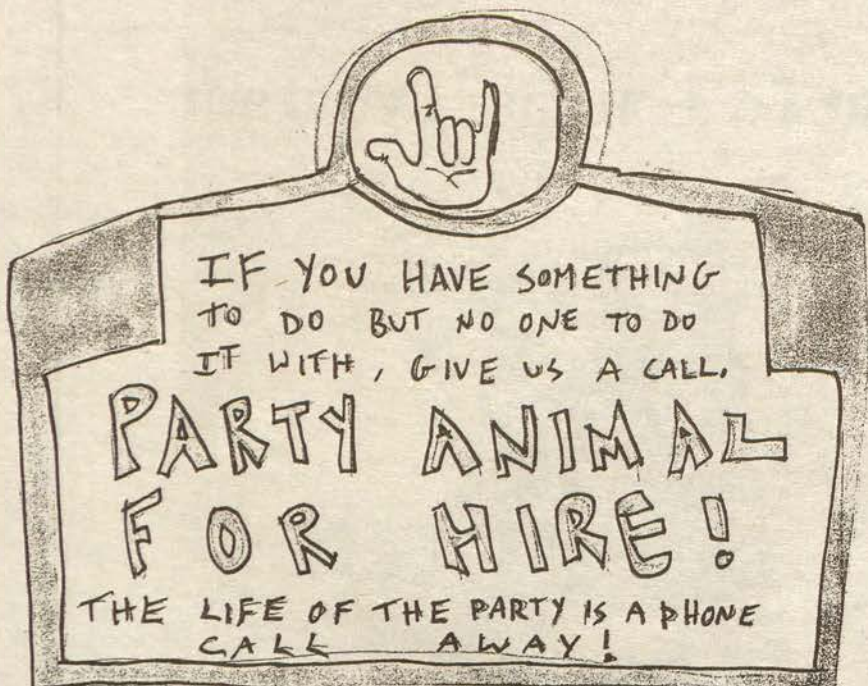
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# Big East Standings

as of 10/4

MEN'S						WOMEN'S					
SOCCER						SOCCER					
	W	L	T	Pts...	Overall		W	L	T	Pts.	Overall
Connecticut	7	0	0	14	(10-0)	Connecticut	6	0	0	18	(11-0)
St. John's	4	1	1	9	(6-2-3)	Notre Dame	5	0	0	15	(10-1)
Rutgers	4	1	0	8	(6-4-1)	Pittsburgh	5	2	0	15	(6-5)
Seton hall	3	2	0	6	(7-2-1)	BC	4	1	2	14	(7-3-2)
W. Virginia	3	2	0	6	(7-2)	Syracuse	3	2	1	10	(6-4-1)
Notre Dame	2	2	2	6	(5-2-3)	W. Virginia	3	3	1	10	(6-3-1)
Georgetown	2	2	0	4	(8-2)	Seton hall	2	2	1	7	(5-3-1)
<b>Providence</b>	2	3	0	4	(4-7)	<b>Providence</b>	2	5	0	6	(2-8)
Syracuse	2	4	0	4	(4-5)	Rutgers	1	2	2	5	(3-6-2)
Pittsburgh	1	4	1	3	(4-4-2)	Villanova	1	4	1	4	(4-6-2)
BC	1	4	0	2	(4-6-1)	Georgetown	1	6	0	3	(3-6)
Villanova	0	6	0	0	(2-8)	St. John's	0	6	0	0	(1-9)

## PC's Athletes of the Week



**Randi Balg '99**  
Field Hockey  
Sound Beach, NY

Senior Randi Balg tallied the game winner last Saturday as the Friars defeated ninth-ranked Rutgers, 1-0. It was Balg's first goal of the season and the 11th of her career. The win gave PC its second Big East win of the year.



**Alison Carton '01**  
Tennis  
Milburn, NJ

Sophomore Alison Carton helped to lead the women's tennis team to a 2-0 record last week by posting two wins in the number one singles spot for the Friars. Carton has recorded a 7-4 record this season.

## VOLLEYBALL

	W	L	Pct.	Overall
Georgetown	2	0	1.000	(14-3)
Villanova	2	0	1.000	(9-7)
Connecticut	2	0	1.000	(10-9)
Notre Dame	2	0	1.000	(5-6)
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	(10-6)
W. Virginia	1	1	.500	(8-7)
Rutgers	1	1	.500	(8-8)
Seton hall	1	1	.500	(8-8)
Syracuse	0	2	.000	(10-5)
BC	0	2	.000	(8-7)
St. John's	0	2	.000	(11-10)
<b>Providence</b>	0	2	.000	(8-9)

## FIELD HOCKEY

	W	L	T	Pct.	Overall
BC	3	0	0	1.000	(8-2)
Connecticut	2	0	0	1.000	(10-0)
<b>Providence</b>	2	2	0	.500	(3-9)
Syracuse	1	1	0	.500	(7-4)
Rutgers	1	2	0	.333	(7-4)
Villanova	0	4	0	.000	(5-7)

## Sports Shorts

### Men's Soccer Drops Pair; Women go 1-2

On Tuesday, the Providence College men's soccer team was defeated by Brown, 2-1, on Glay Field. Junior Micheal Eisenhut scored the lone Friar goal at 89:24. Dan Pires made three saves. Earlier in the week, PC lost to West Virginia, 2-0, at home. Pires made six saves. PC is now 4-7.

The Providence women Wednesday lost to Holy Cross at home, 2-0. Goalie Shayna Ross made 11 saves. Last Sunday, PC lost at Pittsburgh, 3-2. Senior Patricia Moore scored both Friar goals. Ross made eight saves. Two days earlier, PC edged West Virginia, 1-0, in Morgantown. Senior Michelle Caravana notched her first goal of the season. PC is 2-7.

## This Weekend in Friar Sports

**FRIDAY:** Women's Soccer vs. Loyola (IL.), 3pm

**SATURDAY:** Men's Hockey, Black vs. White, 3pm

**SUNDAY:** Women's Soccer vs. Notre Dame, 1pm

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## Board Cuts Three Sports; Student and Administrators React to Title IX

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job and it's a wasted effort now," he said. "We're a lame duck team. If we were to go out and win the Big East tournament this year, we wouldn't have a chance to defend it. We know that if we win something we can't comeback next year. There's no worse feeling."

Other student-athletes upset with decision—many of whom not even affected by the plan—held a protest in Alumni Gym on Wednesday afternoon. Over

225 players attended to support fellow athletes, and to voice their resentment of the proposal.

During the protest, Mr. Marinatto and several students participated in an hour-long question and answer session. One of the athletes main concerns was the manner in which the plan was promulgated. Several players told Marinatto that they felt they should have been informed about the possibility of their sport being cut long before it was made public on Tues-

day.

Another concern dealt with what athletes are going to do following this year. Many athletes will have to transfer to other schools to pursue sports. Mr. Marinatto said that the Athletic Department will do "whatever they can to help people transfer to other schools."

"I have made some of my best friends here at Providence College," Sweet said. "Now, I don't know what the hell I am going to do."

## PC Hockey Prepares for 1998-99; Black and White Game Saturday

The Providence men's hockey team will hold its annual Black and White Scrimmage on Saturday at 3pm. The game will be played at Schneider Arena, and it will be open to the public. Admission is free.

Following the game there will be a "Skate with the Friars" session, which fans will be able to skate with players from 5:15-pm. The Friars will open their 1998-99

season with an exhibition game against the University of Toronto on Saturday, October 17th also at Schneider Arena. Game time is 7pm. Free admission to all.

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In the pre-season Hockey East Coaches' poll, Providence was ranked fifth among nine teams. Boston College, defending Hockey East champs, was ranked first with eight first place votes.

## The Real Bottom Line

**-Valenzano-  
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percent of the remaining athletes are either sophomores or freshmen. These men came here to play a sport for a school they thought would support them. Now, they must go through the excruciatingly painful process of transferring to another program—if there is a program that wants them the way that they *thought* PC did.

There are several coaches who now have been told that they have no job. This is not based on performance, but because of a 'reallocation of funds.' They must now try to find another way to support themselves and their families. That is the reward for their long hours, passion, and dedication

to Providence College.

Then there is me. The best friends that I have are all members of the baseball program, and they may be leaving Providence, not with me, but before me. I wouldn't blame them; the game that I, and they, love will no longer be played here.

In the first few pages of the Providence College baseball media guide words like tradition, commitment, and pride are used to describe the program. The only things I feel are betrayal, bewilderment, and pain.

I, as well as the team, feel betrayed by the administration. They have eliminated the oldest team at PC. They have ended the program with the winningest record this decade. They no longer have the right

to use the word tradition, as they lack the understanding of its meaning.

For them, to use the word commitment is a farce. Commitment is supporting a team fully. I wonder when was the last time they were at Hendricken Field watching a ball game.

Pride is the only thing that remains, at least for the members of the baseball, golf and tennis teams. Pride in themselves is what is left, for they surely have no pride in a school that has abandoned them.

Above all, I am shocked at the decision. I would like to know how anyone could have the tenacity to eliminate the National Pastime. It blows my mind. In the eighteen some odd months that they claim to have been working on this plan, the elimination of three sports is the best way to achieve gender equity?

I wish the very best of luck to all the athletes and coaches affected. I also want the administration to know that I am not leaving. I can't. However, every time they see me walking around campus it will be a reminder of the seventy persons' lives that were ruined.

So, there is only one reason to stay and play.

It is not for the school.

It is not for recognition.

It is not for money.

It is for the only thing left that matters—the TEAM. For in the end, it is all that is left.

*Joe Valenzano '00 is a Cowl sports writer. He has been the statistician to the baseball team since 1996.*

## A Day in the Life

**-Martin-  
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ask self what other students are doing at this moment. Fall asleep.

4:30am-Well, you get the picture.

Despite the tough regiment that baseball players experienced last winter, it was nothing compared to the feeling they experienced Tuesday night, when they found out for the first time as a team that they would never again play baseball at Providence College subsequent to the end of the 1999 season. All of a sudden the days of waking up at 4:30 didn't seem so bad anymore; running until you vomit, not so tough. For this close-knit group, nothing could be as bad as what they heard from the PC Athletic hierarchy

on Tuesday. Nothing. For there will be no more pitches thrown, no more head-first slides, no more dirty uniforms, no more spitting, no more laughs, no more cheers wafting above Hendricken Field on a warm spring day, no more bunts, no more home runs, no more blood, no more sweat; but, certainly, plenty of tears because that's the ball game, folks. Put the bats away. The tarp, one last time, is being placed across the green-grassed ball field that lay in the shadows of Harkins Hall. And, sadly, like the worst kind of rain-out, it is to be placed there in perpetuity, never to come off again.

*Ken Martin '99 is Sports Editor of the Cowl. He played baseball for two years.*



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# Coaches, Players React to Title IX

## Game, Set, Match

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think that if they stopped Title IX athletic directors in 1998 would suddenly cut women's programs all over the country? That wouldn't happen. The women were deprived in the past but have become endowed," he said.

LaBranche pointed out that Boston University had to cut four men's sports recently. Brown University spent \$6 million in court challenging Title IX legislation, but it was rebuffed and was also forced to revamp its athletic programs. LaBranche, and his men's and women's team (which lost all of its funding), just never expected the cuts would hit so close to home.

"I thought we might lose some funding for the men," LaBranche said. "But I never thought they would touch the women."

The women's program lost its funding because that money was allocated to boost scholarships in other women's sports in which the teams at PC currently have many less scholarships than other conference schools.

The players were equally shocked. The five seniors on the team, Jamie Williams, Chris Wolken, John Moog, Clemente Tamariz, and John Poloski, believed that the success of the men's team both on and off the court would have been sufficient reason to maintain the program.

"This has been a model team for the school," the seniors said one after the other. "We've dedicated four years to the school, and coach has dedicated 12 years of his life to the school. It's been one of the most successful programs as far as winning goes, and coach has raised top quality students as well."

In 11 years under LaBranche, the men's team has a 194-67 mark, including four second place finishes and three third place finishes in the Big East. The past three years they have been third in the conference behind Miami and Notre Dame, schools that were not even a part of the conference when LaBranche began coaching. They have also been on the edge of qualifying for the NCAA tournament the past three years.

Perhaps their most impressive record has been in the classroom. Men's tennis routinely has one of the highest team GPA's and last year Dylan Williams, the number one singles player, graduated as the student athlete with the highest GPA. Dylan is Jamie Williams' older brother, and he talked to him on the phone Wednesday evening from their home in England.

"Dylan felt the same way we did. Betrayed. He couldn't understand how they couldn't get around the problem. PC had plenty of time to try and deal with it — Title IX has been around for twenty years. He said it was laziness. There was just no way cutting sports

should have to happen."

Regardless, the Friars will have to pick up the pieces and continue. The men will complete both their fall and spring seasons. They should still challenge for a top three finish in the Big East. But the underclassmen have had to start weighing their options.

"I've had the 14th guy on the team come to me and say he wants to transfer," LaBranche said. "He just wants to play tennis."

LaBranche added that before the team was cut, 85% of his players were not receiving financial aid for athletics. The men were participating purely out of a love for the game.

Sophomore Keith Dressler and freshman Chris Overzat both said they are unsure about what they will do next year. They will explore transferring.

"I'm shocked," Overzat said. "Tennis weighed a lot in my final decision to come to this school. I feel like I've been cheated."

The women's team, with four top-notch freshmen with scholarship money and a sophomore, Alison Carton, playing number one, should have a bright future for at least four years. LaBranche is excited about the women's prospects.

"This is the best women's team we've ever had," he said. "I'll stay with them. I'll upgrade the schedule, and go about business. The kids I recruit will just have to understand they'll have to be walk-ons. When they graduate we'll have to downgrade the schedule. But there's no reason why the women should suffer."

Freshman Lindsey Gilooly said the Friars are hopeful for the future.

"Hopefully we'll get lucky with walk-ons," she said. "But right now we all feel so bad. Because coach is with both of our teams, it's like we're one team with the men - and now we're losing half of us."

LaBranche said he is looking forward to making the men's last year as enjoyable as possible, but he dreads playing the final match in the spring at the Big East championships.

"That will probably be the second worst moment of my life," he said.

He stressed, however, that the agony of cutting men's sports will not be alleviated until someone challenges the fairness of the current law.

"When someone finally attacks this legislation — not Providence College for what it had to do — as being poor and out-of-date," he said, "then something good will happen."

### Results

The women's tennis team continued its winning ways Wednesday afternoon, thumping URI 7-0, and improving to 9-2. They overcame all the distractions of Wednesday's Title IX announcement. The Lady Friars loss Tuesday afternoon to the Harvard B Team, but defeated Colgate and UConn (7-0, 7-0) last week

## PC Golf Bagged

-Golf-

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It has come through loud and clear that there is no future for the golf team, but the reasoning behind all of this remains unclear. It is this lack of clarity and adequate reasoning that has upset the student athletes.

"It doesn't make sense just to comply with a law that when you break it down just reverse discriminates," Dichard said. "A lot of colleges are forced into this and because we are a small school we don't have the funds to back it up. [Father Smith's letter to the members of the college] just works around the issue, making PC look good while doing this bad thing. It mentions nothing about what the consequence is for those players who are underclassmen who may have lost a possible year of eligibility when they could have been looking to other schools."

"We were out of options and that's unacceptable to do that to your students. I don't

care if it's five students it's being done to; it's unjustified," he continued. "We were given any answers; we got the old run-around. We want to see the documentation to understand what the thought process was."

The thought that may be going through the heads of the underclassmen who have no future in PC golf is whether or not they should transfer. Bridgeo admits that transferring "does come into play" for him, seeing as how golf is "something (he) wanted to do for four years." Dichard also believes that transferring is a definite possibility for the underclassmen on his team.

"As far as academics are concerned, this is a very good institution, though they obviously don't know how to handle public relations," Dichard said. "But as far as the situation is concerned, they did a poor job with their decision and I would hope that my guys are going to move on. I think they need to move on to bigger and better schools to play golf at."

Though Dichard and fellow co-captain senior Rob Brennan will have the chance to play golf until the end of their college career at PC, Dichard still hoped to feel a link to the future teams.

"Once you're on a team, you're on it for life," Dichard said. "What if I had wanted to come back to see what I could do to make the golf team better because I know how my experience was? We don't have that opportunity now and that takes away from our whole experience."

Since the future, beyond the 1998-99 golf seasons, is no more for the Friars, the team's focus can only be on the rest of the fall season and the upcoming

spring schedule. One may wonder if the consequences of Tuesday's decision will result in play that is not quite up to par.

"It may affect our play," Bridgeo said. "But we are going to have to move on. We have no choice."

"We really want to dedicate this year to our coach," Dichard said. "We want to do the right things as far as keeping the level of play up to what it has been. We want to go beyond our expectations and goals for the season."

Dichard admits however that it will be "tough to put on a PC uniform," and to say goodbye to fellow competitors.

"You know your competitors, particularly in golf because you're playing with them, and you have a chance to talk to them and meet them," Dichard said. "We want to make them more appreciative of what they have. They will always have the opportunity to play. We won't."

### Results

The PC Golf team finished seventh among 23 teams at the Toski Invitation in Amherst, MA. The Friars shot a two day total of 608 (307, 301) finishing 23 strokes behind Central Connecticut.

PC was led by sophomore Dean Cashman, who tied for 13th place (76, 74-150). Senior Richard Dichard shot a 79, 74-153 (20th)



Coach Joe Prisco

## Students Run Midnight Mile for Charity

Sleepily, you momentarily look up at your clock and see that it is twelve midnight - the witching hour. All of a sudden, you hear noises coming from outside your window. Gasps of breath can be heard in the midst of the stampede. Eventually, your curiosity wins, and you peer out the window. Human beings, or so they seemed, sprinting by.

Last Sunday (early Monday) at midnight, the Office of Residence Life held its Second Annual Midnight Mile which raised \$400 for the Special Olympics. With an increase in number of runners this year to 135, the event is gaining in success and popularity. And people are getting creative, too.

The PC Swim team ran in their speedos for the second straight year, but

this year marked the first time a three-legged runner competed. Matt Felzani and Amanda Rose tied one of their legs to the other's and finished in eight minutes and forty seconds.

Co-coordinators for the event, Brendan Cashman and Jon Miller, were pleased with the turnout, more than 20% increase from last year's event.

The top three finishers for the men and women received cash prizes, but everyone who raced received a t-shirt commemorating the event. For the men, Colin Murphy set the pace, followed by John O'Neill and Adriano Marcone. Jacqui Lewis took this year's women's title. Alison Carton and Meg Graham finished second and third, respectively.

-Ben Nadeau '00

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## Volleyball Beats Brown, 3-2; Loses

By JOHN ZILCH '01  
SPORTS STAFF

The mood was grim on Wednesday around the Providence women's volleyball locker room—and for good reason.

Following the announcement of PC's Title IX reallocation plan, which wiped out three sports and took away scholarships from women's tennis and volleyball, the Friars had to step out onto the court against Brown Wednesday. And despite a 3-2 victory over the Bears (15-2, 8-15, 15-8, 6-15, 15-6), the shock of losing their funds remained at the forefront.

"It defiantly came unexpected," second year coach Ken Nichols said. "It was a very traumatic blow, and as a result took away our ability to focus (against Brown)."

Against Brown, PC showed up draped in baseball uniforms. The uniforms, an idea thought up by captain Missy Crotty, were assumed to be ones from Providence players. Even during the game, the players on the bench would where the long sleeved pin-stripes, obviously trying to send a message of protest.

"We wanted to come out and make a statement," captain Colleen Lee said. "We thought

that supporting other athletes would make that statement."

The idea of wearing other athletes uniforms was not the first idea that crossed the team's mind. While in the locker room, it was reported that certain members of the team discussed pulling out of the game. The team canceled that plan minutes before game time and ended up facing Brown.

"We didn't want to make things worse by not playing tonight," sophomore Debbie Bihday said. "We went out there with uniforms because we're supporting all the teams. As far as the game goes, we were playing for ourselves."

The two teams would trade off games with Providence beginning and ending the match with victories. The Friars took the first game by a whopping 15-2 score, but would fall in the second 15-8. They came back with a 15-8 win of their own, but would be forced to a tie breaker in the next game. In the final game, Providence pulled it out 15-6, defeating the 8-5 Brown.

"There was definitely a difference in our attitude," freshman Annie Cella said. "We had just came off two big games where we played real well. After the decision on Tuesday, we lost a lot of our excitement and intensity. It wasn't out there tonight."

## Cross Country Prepares for NE Championships

By BEN NADEAU '00  
SPORTS STAFF

With no meets to report on since the last issue, and with the teams in the midst of training hard for the New England Championships which will be held on October 16th, the *Cowl* is digging into the archives and bringing you a hindsight look at what happened last year at this particular meet. We also spoke to a couple of the runners to get their perspective on the season thus far, what's surprising them, and what they think is possibly in store for their teams in the upcoming championship meets.

On the seventeenth of October of last year, the Providence College women's cross country team, then ranked number five in the nation, won their second straight New England Championship.

The women harriers were, like this season, led by Sarah Dupre who came away with a second place finish overall, breaking the 17 minute barrier by one second (16:59) in the 5K (3.1 mile) race. Rachel Hixson (5th-17:22), Gladys Ganiel (9th-17:37), Dana Ostrander (10th-17:39), and Maria McCambridge (19th-17:56) rounded out the scoring for the team, which finished with 45 points, easily outdistancing BC for the title.

This year, the team returns the top four scorers to this year's meet, losing only McCambridge to graduation.

Dupre is optimistic about the team's chances for a three-peat, believing that she and her fellow runners are very capable of winning New England's and BIG EASTs. After finishing second last year, Sarah has a little extra

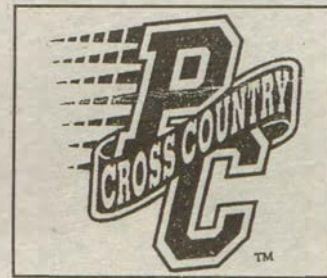
motivation to defeat last year's winner, Angela Graham of Boston College, who should be back again to try to repeat.

Dupre talked about the team's outlook and goals.

"The team looks as good as it did my freshman year when we won NCAAAs, but the #3 national ranking is generous," she said. "The team certainly could be at that stage come nationals, but they've got a lot of work to do before then. They're goal is a top five finish at the NCAA Championship."

Dupre also commented on a few of her younger teammates.

"Rachel [Hixson] has made



a big jump. She rested her calf in Minnesota, but she'll be racing in next week's New England Championships," she said.

Freshmen have also running very well. This year's surprise has been freshman Claire Shearman.

"I think she's even surprised the coaches," Dupre said.

For the men last year's meet was a bittersweet one. A number of them had extremely good days, finishing with extremely fast times on the already quick Franklin Park course. But when your number one runner goes down and can't finish, it is a devastating

loss.

Such was the case last year when Ben Noad did not finish; but the rest of the team responded well, picking up the slack.

Zach Ventress finished 6th overall with a time of 24:11 over the 8K (5 mile) race. He led the team. Keith Kelly also finished in the top ten, 10 seconds behind his teammate.

Larry Morrissey (31st-24:55), Rick Bush (37th-25:00), and Paul McNamara (51st-25:16) were the other three scorers. It resulted in a 4th place finish overall.

"We've got a great team coming together, and we're putting together a great BIG EAST team," captain Ventress said. "Personally, I didn't run too well at Minnesota, so I'm looking to rebound from that."

There have been no injuries to the top nine men, although Noad is fighting off a cold. The team seems to be in a groove right now. Ventress agrees.

"Keith [Kelly] is running great, Carl [Mauro] is coming along, and Ciaran Lynch is running well, too," he said.

And his thoughts on the #6 national ranking?

"I was a little surprised. We've still got a lot of work to do to hopefully get to that point," Ventress said.

The team would like to win BIG EASTs this year, and avenge last year's loss to Notre Dame, according to Ventress.

In the IC4A meet, the team is just looking to qualify for the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Kansas this year, and where they're shooting for a top ten finish.

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## Field Hockey Falls to Yale, 4-0; Beats Rutgers, 1-0

By JAIME MAURITZ '00  
SPECIAL TO THE COWL

The Providence field Hockey team fell to Yale on Wednesday, 4-0, on Hendricken Field. Three different players scored for the Bulldogs.

Providence recorded only five shots to Yale's 19.

In goal, PC junior Andrea Weyl allowed three goals and made eight saves, while sophomore Heather Tattersall allowed the final goal (seven saves).

The Friars defeated ninth ranked Rutgers, 1-0, in a game also played at home.

Senior co-captain Randi Balg scored her first goal of the season. Balg had a good week for the Friars, being named as one of Providence's Athletes of the Week.

Junior Erica Hebert assisted on the goal.

Friar goalie Weyl made 11 stops, and earned her first shut-out of the season.

"I thought everyone played really well," Weyl said. "If we continue to play like we did today, our record will improve."

"I am very proud of them," Coach Bill Davidson said. "I think it was important for the team to play well; they came through with the victory." The Friars are now 3-9 overall. PC will travel to Northeastern Saturday; game time is 6pm.

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# SPORTS



## A Day in the Life

The following is how, for a period of two months last winter, members of the Providence College baseball team spent their days:

**4:30am**-Wake up, throw alarm at wall. Throw self into shower.

**4:45am**-Eat breakfast, preferably something light (I'll explain later).

### Off the Bench

By Ken Martin

**5:00am**-Walk to Alumni Hall, usually in the cold and/or snow.

**5:15am**-Get dressed for practice; wonder if you are actually up or if you are having a nightmare.

**5:30am**-Head to weight room and begin to stretch.

**5:35am**-Pair up with partner and start work-out.

**5:45am**-Lift heavy weights while strength coach screams in your ear.

**6:00am**-Lift more heavy weights while strength coach screams in other ear.

**6:15am**-Try to control breathing so you don't pass out; possibly run to the bathroom to vomit (this is where a light breakfast becomes very important).

**6:30am**-Finish workout by doing wall sit (place back against wall and sink down until thighs are parallel to floor.) Wonder to self if burning sensation in legs will have any long-term effects.

**6:31am**-Try not to vomit, again.

**6:32am**-Leave weight room and head back to locker. Change into warmer clothes and hustle out to the baseball field (sometimes snow covered) for running portion of work-out.

**6:45am**-Run mile.

**6:52am**-Run mile.

**6:59am**-Run mile.

**7:10am**-Line up for sprints.

**7:40am**-Stop sprinting.

**7:45am**-Run another mile. Possibly vomit, again.

**7:55am**-Head to locker room; sit in silence. Ask self what other students are doing at this moment.

**8:15am**-Eat Breakfast (This time not as light).

**8:30am**-Head to class or head to bed—depending on what type of student you are.

**9:30am**-Class.

**10:30am**-Class.

**11:30am**-Class.

**12:30pm**-Lunch or nap.

**1:00pm**-Back to locker room to get ready for batting practice.

**1:20pm**-Head to Peterson; hit balls for an hour. Remind self that calluses will eventually heal.

**2:30pm**-Back to locker room, sit in silence, again.

**4:00pm**-Eat dinner.

**5:00pm**-Go to Study Hall.

**9:00pm**-Wake Up.

**9:30pm**-Arrive back home; pick alarm clock up off the floor. Set clock for 4:30am. Try not to cry.

**10:00pm**-Pray for surprise, overnight snowstorm; again,

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## Going, Going, Gone...



## Game, Set, Match

By Gladys Ganiel '99  
Sports Staff

The sun was starting to set over Smith Street, casting shadows over the tennis courts on lower campus. The men's tennis team was gathered courtside, watching the

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women's team in Tuesday's match against Harvard. Coach Carl LaBranche, the head coach of both the men's and women's teams, walked away from the fence where he had been encouraging one of the women.

"Gentlemen," he said, beckoning to the men. The Friars

followed LaBranche into the utility shed beside the courts. The doors closed ominously behind them.

LaBranche had just called a team meeting he never thought he would have to call. He had to inform the men's team that they were one of the programs that had been

cut from the Providence College budget in an effort to comply with federal gender equity legislation.

"Meeting with those 14 boys and telling them we had cut tennis was the worst experience of my life," LaBranche said. "It was the same sensation as losing a loved one."

Providence College was forced to eliminate men's tennis, baseball, and golf Wednesday in order to meet the standards established under Title IX. Title IX requires that the number of females enrolled in a college must proportionally match the number of female student athletes competing for the college. Since the PC student body is

57% female, and the college has more male athletes than female athletes, either women's sports had to be added or men's sports had to be dropped.

The college does not have the financial resources to add women's sports, so the tennis team - one of PC's most successful programs - had to be eliminated.

LaBranche acknowledged that when Title IX was initiated in 1979, it was necessary to ensure that women had an equal opportunity to participate in collegiate sports. But he believes Title IX is now working to the detriment of both men's and women's programs not just at PC, but all over the country.

"Title IX is good legislation gone bad. You can't legislate interest (among female athletes), you can only legislate opportunity. But I'm not sure that we need Title IX anymore. Does the NCAA

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## The Real Bottom Line

Imagine having your heart torn from your chest and diced to pieces right in front of you.

Imagine being told that everything that you have worked for is being destroyed right be-

### Off the Bench

By Joe Valenzano

fore your very eyes.

Imagine being forced to choose between what you love

and those you love.

If you can, then you can begin to fathom how the members of the baseball, golf and men's tennis teams feel—which is more than you can say for the administration.

When they chose to eliminate these sports, they did not just end opportunities or reallocate money. Rather, they turned the lives of fifty seven athletes, seven coaches, and numerous members of their families inside out.

They defend their action with the shield of numbers and the armor of the bottom line. They try to say that this is best for Providence College. That it was 'the only viable option.'

Then they have the audacity to say they understand what the teams are going through. Personally, I find this hard to believe, that they presume to feel this pain. They will wake up with jobs tomorrow; they will see their friends tomorrow; they will not have to worry about their future.

For as long as I remember, baseball has been a part of me. For the members of the team and me, it is not a hobby or a game; it is a way of life. Now, that life has been torn asunder by the cold calculating blade of numbers.

Well, here are some numbers for the administration to mull over; they seem to enjoy them so much. There are three junior baseball players who now have to play as if they are seniors, but there will be no senior season for them to play.

Approximately sixty five

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## PC Golf Bagged

By Kim Galipeau '99  
Asst. Sports Editor

Forty-five years ago, Joseph Prisco began to share his love of golf with the Providence College community. He created PC's first club golf team. Since then, golf has grown to varsity sta-

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tus, becoming a well-known and competitive program. However, all of this dedication and hard work put forth by Prisco and his team members has been stopped dead in its tracks as a result of PC's decision to cut golf, baseball, and men's tennis on Tuesday.

"All of this has been sprung on us," Prisco said. "It's a difficult thing to discuss. I feel so badly for the players, they're very shocked and disappointed."

For Prisco, golf has been central to his life—much as it has for many of his players. The program that he had built is destined to be demolished, and Prisco is trying to come to terms with why this has occurred.

"It's a gender equity issue which has to be resolved," he said. "They could have either given more money to the women's sports or they could have taken away from the men's, and this is what they decided to do."

Senior co-captain Rick Dichard is obviously upset with the recent and sudden events.

"I think I can speak for the other players in saying that it was a joke," Dichard said. "Not only in the fact that it was done, but in the way it was done—with zero prior warning. It's particularly hard for our coach who has been coaching here for over 40 years, who started the team, and is now being forced into retirement by these cuts that are being made."

Sophomore Ben Bridgeo, who is presently taking the fall season off from the golf team, shares the sentiment that there should have been some forewarning that this was going to occur.

"This was so sudden," Bridgeo said. "No one expected this to happen. I think the college should have said something about it, especially to the incoming athletes who came to PC wanting to play golf. That would have been the proper thing to do."

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